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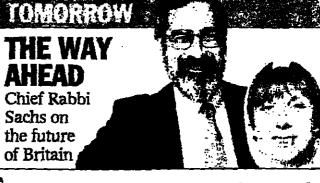


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Victory likely in 18-year campaign

## Freedom for Bridgewater prisoners

By Frances Gibb and Richard Ford

THREE of the four men jailed for murdering Carl Bridgewater 18 years ago are expected to be freed today after the emer-gence of new evidence sup-

porting their innocence.

The men will be brought from prison to the Court of Appeal, where lawyers for the Crown will outline scientific evidence suggesting that the police tricked one of the men

into confessing.

The three — the fourth died in 1981 — will apply for bail pending a full hearing of the new evidence after their convictions are expected to be quashed. They can then hope to receive about £190,000 compensation for the years wrongly spent in iail.

Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey, James Robinson and Patrick Molloy were jailed in November 1979 for the shooting of Carl. a 13-year-old newspaper boy who apparently interrupted a burglary at the isolated Yew Tree Parm near Stourbridge in Staffordshire. The Hickeys and Robinson were sentenced to life for murder with a recommendation that they serve at least 25 years: Molloy, who died in prison was jailed for 12 years for manslaughter.

Since their conviction there have been numerous attempts to get the convictions overturned and today's sudden development comes five weeks before a second appeal was due to open.

Legal sources said last night that the Crown had been prepared to fight the appeal to the end, but the prosecuting authorities had become aware



Carl Bridgewater was shot dead

of material "so significant" that the court ought to be made aware of it immediately. The new evidence came to light after defence solicitors requested that an "Esda" test be carried out on Molloy's confession. This test, which involves electronic image enhancement, revealed the imprint of a fabricated confession by Vincent Hickey, designed to trap Molloy into

Molloy always maintained he had been tricked by police showing him what he thought was Vincent Hickey's own admission, but the police al-ways denied this. The Esda test has proved that his account was true.

Jim Nichol, who represents the men, said last night: There is powerful tresh evidence of a false confession that was shown to one of the defendants by the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad. It was a lying confession shown to him to make him confess. I am delighted — but angry that they have spent eighteen and a half years in prison for a crime they did not commit. "I fully expect my clients to walk out of court free men. It

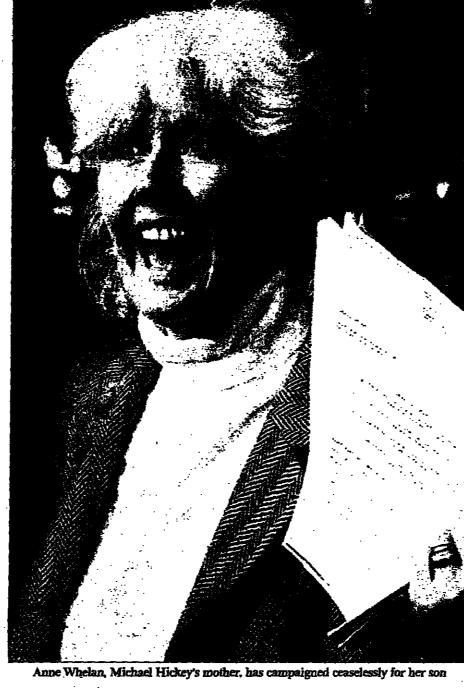
may not finish tomorrow, as it is an emergency hearing called at very short notice. But my three clients will be acquit-ted or released on bail."

The case of the Bridgewater Four is the longest running of a series of high-profile campaigns to correct miscarriages of justice, including the terror-ism cases involving the Guildford Four, the Maguire Seven and the Birmingham Six. The quashing of convictions in those cases dealt a devastating blow to the criminal justice system and led to the creation of a Criminal Cases Review Commission,

which will start work in April.

The Bridgewater Four were convicted largely on the confession of Patrick Molloy. which four language experts and a psychiatrist agree could have been fabricated. The men's protests gained credence with the revelation that the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad had fabricated confessions and planted evidence in 23 other cases.

Vincent Hickey's mother last night expressed delight at the new hearing, but said that the case undermined the reputation of the British justice system. Ann Skett said: "We just screamed and yelled and danced. There is no bitterness in my heart. I just know he is going to come out." But she added: "The prosecution service didn't want to admit that



there had been a mistake. What are people going to think of our police? There was a lot of covering-up."

Sarah McHugh, who has campaigned for the convicted men, was also delighted by the development. She said: "These men are innocent and they have been in prison for 19 years for a crime they did not commit and every day they spend in jail is a day too long. There have been an awful lot

of people fighting for a very long time on this case. Jim Nichol has worked tirelessly and Ann Whelan, Michael Hickey's mother, has been an amazing campaigner and has done a brilliant job. It is thanks to her that we have got

this far today."
Mrs Whelan has waged a ceaseless battle to prove her son's innocence, and when the men's first appeal failed in 1981 she told the then Lord

Chief Justice, Lord Lane: "Your judgment, sir, is outra-geous." She gathered thousands of documents and evidence and won the interest of the journalist Paul Foot, who wrote a book about the

Last night Mr Foot said: "I feel complete jubilation. They did not kill that newspaper boy. Their lives have been completely wrecked by their

been floated, including giving an extra £10 a week to schoolchildren in poorer families.

to make U-turn on reducing child benefit

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent

Labour poised

THE Labour leadership is preparing to back down over its controversial plan to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-yearolds in another policy U-turn. The move follows Gordon

Brown's decision not to impose a 50p top rate of tax for those earning more than £100,000. Senior party sources suggested that because this been dropped it was highly unlikely that the child

benefit plan would go ahead. Last September the Shadow Chancellor insisted that he would proceed with a scheme to abolish child benefit for older children, raising £630 million to be channelled into extra educational allowances.

The plan was one of the most radical and risky ideas that Tony Blair had backed since he became leader, and was immediately exploited by the Tories, who dubbed it the "teenage tax". Mr Brown and Mr Blair argued that wealthier parents did not need the extra £10.80 a week child benefit given to all families.

But the proposal, designed to curb the £6 billion child benefit bill, initially met strong opposition within the Shadow Cabinet, with conflicting ideas on how it should

operate. Many left-wing MPs also criticised the scheme. Al-though it would have redistributed money from the wealthy to poorer groups, it also meddled with a cherished universal benefit.

A working party which in-cludes David Blunkett, Harriet Harman and Gordon Brown was set up last year to study how the money could best be used but it has failed to come up with any suitable

A number of options have

but party sources say that this has also been put on the back burner. It is understood that no serious options are now being worked on.

Towards the end of last year senior figures agreed that benefit could not be cut for all top-rate taxpayers as that would have affected anyone earning over £30,000 and would have been electorally suicidal. There was then speculation that child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds would have been cut for all parents earn-

ing over £100,000.

But once Mr Brown had opted not to raise the top rate of tax, it was difficult to go for any threshold, either £100,000 or below. It has also emerged that the sums which would

have been raised are tiny.
Scrapping benefit for 16 to
18-year-olds with parents
earning over £100,000 would raise only about £10 million, for those earning over £80,000 about £15 million and for those earning over £60,000 about £28 million, according to Inland Revenue figures. The administrative changes might well have cost more than the savings made.

Party sources now argue that there are more important policies to be worked up and it is unlikely that any change to child benefit will appear in Labour's manifesto.

But they also point out that the Tories have spent over 17 years grappling with the problem of child benefit but have failed to find a solution to stem the cost of the scheme.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, has proposed that there be no structural changes to the universal benefit for the next five years. From this April, benefit for the eldest child will go up from £10.80 to £11.05 a week, and for subsequent children from £8.80 to £9.00 a week.

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## Two policemen and a teen-

ager drowned in the Solent after their yacht capsized in waters described by the Coastguard as "a bubbling Another officer who sur-

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### Health screening may be harmful.

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## Major-Blair clash

JOHN MAJOR and Tony general election battle.

frontation both leaders were serious policy developments.

clogging up the Commons timetable. In the past constitutional measures have been taken on the floor of the House where all MPs can take part. Egged on by Donald Dew-ar, his chief whip, sitting alongside him, Mr Blair said

## electrifies MPs

BY PHILLP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

Blair traded blows in an electrifying Commons clash yesterday that thrust the constitution into the centre of the During an explosive con-

judged by their own sides, and by many of their opponents, to have given their most effective Commons performances for some time. But there were two Mr Blair gave a firm hint that a Labour government might sidestep parliamentary convention to prevent its raft of constitutional Bills from

## "Parliament would decide" how the Bills were handled a clear indication that he

to push them into committee. Outside the chamber Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary and party policy chief, put flesh on Labour plans for reforming the Lords. He said that after Labour had abolished the voting rights of hereditary peers it would appoint life peers to ensure that the balance of voting in the Lords broadly

would use a Labour majority

reflected the way the country had voted at the general election. The plan to appoint peers is a halfway house move to be taken pending Labour's decision to set up an elected second chamber in its second

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voice in university affairs. In a huge only fitting that the university should

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## Beijing on edge as Deng 'goes to meet Marx'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELLING

MOOD of nervousness gripped Beijing yesterday as Dene Xiannino "ment to ment eng Xiaoping "went to meet Marx". The tension was exemphilied when four young Chinese attempting to lay flowers at the Martyrs' Memorial on Tiananmen Square

were grabbed by police. Their floral tribute to the paramount leader was thrown into a police van. The authorities fear that any expressions of grief might be exploited for political ends, as has hap-

pened in the past. The Chinese capital was in sombre mood. Massive red banners snapped in the breeze on the Square, the political heart of the nation, though few were moved to tears at the loss of a man who had been out of the public eye for three years. After an initial dip stock

markets in both China and Hong Kong rose, responding to the removal of the uncertainty surrounding Mr Deng. Some brokers believe the next



Tve waited all my life for this day then this happens"

spree by foreign investors reassured by the change.

Ten thousand people will be invited to Mr Deng's funeral. His corneas will be donated for transplant and his organs for research. His family, in keeping with his wishes, re-quested there be no solemn bowing before his corpse. His ashes will be scattered at sea. The 459-member funeral

committee declared a six-day

period of mourning. At the

start of the "memorial meeting" at 10am on Tuesday, sirens will sound throughout the nation for three minutes. Among tributes to Mr Deng. President Chirac said that in this century "few men have, as much as he, led a vast human community through such profound and determin-

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ing changes."

portant issues that concern the future

of Oxford so people of all ages feel they

Ruth Deech, Principal of St Anne's

College, who argued for the age limit of

65 in the congregation debate last month, said: Those who make the

rules at Oxford ought to be subject to

them. It did not seem right that people

who had left the university, for

example because they had retired early, should still be able to participate

have a right to take part."

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## Youth puts ageism to flight in Oxford ballot battle

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AGE triumphed with the help of beauty at Oxford University yesterday

when dons agreed by a majority of two to one to restore voting rights to academics aged over 65. The decision was a victory for the old guard, who, barred from a postal vote. convinced their younger colleagues that they should continue to have a history at Merton College, said it was

response, dons resolved by 962 votes to 475 a month-long row over "blatant ageism" which divided Britain's oldest university.

The battle was between Oxford's ruling council - which tried to lower the age limit for voting on university decisions from 75 to 65 — and 180 venerable scholars and retired senior staff disenfranchised by the move. Thomas Braun, a tutor in ancient

reinstate the former age limit. Older staff had in effect been barred from Congregation, the university's parliament, by a change in regulations over membership of Oxford committees in November 1995.

This went almost unnoticed until last November when older academics tried to vote on the controversial proposals for a E40 million business school on university playing fields.

"I am glad we have won," Mr Braun said. "Congregation does debate im-

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in the voting process."

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## Evasion is no answer to a hard question

R arely does an exchange at Westminster set the scene for a whole generation of debate. Yesterday's opening speeches on devolution from the Prime Minister and the Labour leader during the constitutional debate created such an occasion. Readers will find in Hansard pointers to the years of controversy which may now be imminent: keys to the rise and possible fall of what may be the next government

The House was full. John Major's speech was, in the best sense, relentless. Without histrionics and at times almost monotonously, he slogged his way through a litany of criticisms of Labour's plans which were, quite simply, unanswerable. He was calm. All his tetchiness fell away in the presence of a case so powerful as to take possession of its advocate: as if all he had to do was grip the dispatch box, shut his eyes and let the argument take over. His troops were in the palm of his hand. They cheered solidly, at rimes wildly.

As Mr Major spoke, Tony Blair demonstrated a curious recent change in his behaviour. The speech was going well for his rival - so he simply refused to listen. Mr Blair chatted to Ann Taylor on one side and George Robinson on the other, scribble notes, and stared around the chamber, but he would not look at Mr Major. It was a strange



discourtesy in a serious debate: like those children who, scolded, cannot admit they are

Time and again, Mr Major enquired as to the whereabouts of an elusive creature for whom the search is now beginning to preoccupy all sides of the House. "Where," cried Mr Major, "is the an-swer to the West Lothian question?" At times he seemed even more mystified: "What is the answer to the West Lothian question?" he kept asking. Mr Blair's speech was a triumph of a kind. He will be judged by many to have lost the argument, but he lost the louse only once.

It was a knockabout speech Aware that he was short of a defence, he attacked. He attacked Mr Major personally. He attacked the Tory record on constitutional reform. He took us to Ethelred the Unready, to 1834 and to 1911. He attacked sleaze, he mentioned Scott and Nolan, and he called for a government for London. "But where's your answer to

the West Lothian question?"

answer it," snapped Mr Blair. "I will come to it later in my

Then he attacked the Tory approach to Europe and Tory theories of subsidiarity. "But what's the answer to

the West Lothian question?"

'A little patience, please." Next he reminded us that in the 1970s the Tories (when they were devolutionists) never found the answer to the West Lothian question. When Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-

tary, interrupted, Mr Blair almost lost his footing but regained it. Later William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, interrupted brilliantly. But nothing dismayed Mr Blair, "And the West Lothian ques-

Blair quoted Margaret Thatcher, He quoted Malcolm Rifkind. But still no answer to the West Lothian question.

"If I can turn, now, from the West Lothian question ... " he announced "But you haven"t answered it" Undismayed by the shouts, the Labour leader moved on from devolution to his plans for the Lords.

Brazen at the start and shaky in the middle. Mr Blair finished in style. But Mr Major just sat, smiling gently.
And answer to the West Lothian question came there none. Yesterday I called the Labour frontbencher who addressed the cameras Robin Corbett. It was Stuart Bell. I apologise to both.

Railway

company

says sorry

with free

tickets

By JONATHAN PRYNN

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of thousands of travellers were offered free rail

tickets to anywhere in the

country yesterday by a private

rail company to apologise for

Early-morning commuters were the first to benefit when

they turned up at stations to be

told they did not have to pay

for their tickets to London

As word of the offer spread,

booking derks at stations

throughout southern England

were besieged by demands for

free fares to increasingly far-

flung destinations. Some cus-

tomers ordered four or five

The offer was made by South West Trains, which

carries 200,000 London com-

muters daily, after the chaos

caused by a spate of cancella-

tions because it had sacked too

As long as the ticket was

bought at a station used by SWT, excluding London Wa-

terloo and Clapham Junction,

passengers could demand free

travel to any of the 2,500

The tickets were valid for

outward and return travel

between midnight on Wednes-day and midnight last night and return within five days.

Eurostar tickets to Paris and

Brussels worth up to £200

were being given away in the

morning until the company ruled overseas destinations

were not part of the offer at

Heather Underwood, a booking cierk at Basingstoke

station, said: "I gave one bloke a ticket to London and he had

started to walk away when it

suddenly dawned on him

everything was free. He kept

coming back and asking for

tickets to Aberdeen, Bourne-

mouth. Torquay - absolutely

five trips to my counter he had

over £1,000 worth of tickets in

his pocket. There was nothing I could do, I couldn't refuse

hun." The most popular desti-

nation was Aberdeen with

dozens of E90 return tickets

being handed out, she said. Brian Souter, executive

chairman of Stagecoach, the

Scottish-based bus company

that owns SWT, said the

company had deliberately not

spelt out the full potential of

the offer in publicity material

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## 'Mad Cow' test could give exports green light

Routine, low-cost testing of beef carcasses for "mad cow" disease could become a reality within months if field trials of a new detection technique are successful, it was claimed yesterday. The test takes just over three hours.

Its developers, Enfer Scientific, 2 Dublin animal diagnostic service company, and Proteus International, a Macelesticid-based drug discovery company, say it would reassure consumers and could be used to screen British carcass for BSE before export, clearing the way for the least to be liked.

## Compulsory good deeds

The Prince of Wales has hinted that he would like to see a compulsory three-month period of community service for all school-leavers. His idea was expressed in off-the-cuff remarks to volunteer workers during a tour of his charity projects in the East End of London this week. But he is unlikely to find support for a new obligatory form of non-military regions! military national service among the major political parties, nor among charity workers.

## Boy detained for knife death

A boy aged 13 who fatally stabbed a teenager during an argument about household chores was yesterday ordered to be detained for three years. Colin MacDonald, 16. of to be designed for three years. Comm MacDonaid. 10. Of Aberdeen, died from a single blow to his chest inflicted with his own knife on October 16. He had grabbed the younger boy around the neck before challenging him to hit him and had laughed when the boy replied "I'm not going to hit you. I'm going to stab you," the court heard.

### Blandford arrested in error

The Marquess of Blandford walked free from 21 hours in custody after being mistakenly arrested for a driving while disqualified at Kidlington, Oxfordshire. Magistrates at Banbury were told that his disqualification had run out because he served an interim han last year. His solicitor, Michael Stanford-Tuck, said the marquess was considering taking the matter further: "He has been extremely wellbehaved for the last year and this is a bad mistake."

### £10m cannabis ring guilty

International drug smugglers were convicted of attempting to import £10 million of cannabis into Britain in an operation that killed Alastair Soutar, 47, an undercover Dundee Customs officer who was crushed between boats belonging to Customs and the drugs ring. Seven men — three British, three Dutch and an American were found guilty of smuggling at the High Court in Dunfermline. The case against an eighth was not proven.

## Channel 5 eyes rival shows

Britain'S new television station, Channel 5, has pledged to launch an aggressive bidding war with the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 for the rights to popular programmes such as Men Behaving Badly, Friends and Brookside. Dawn Airey, the new channel's director of programmes, said that she had tried to luve producers of rival programmessuch as Changing Rooms, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and They Think It's All Over.

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### Boost for war on poachers

John Gummer announced that Britain was offering £70,000 to train and equip wardens in Asia and Siberia to ment Secretary told the Zoological Society of London's Tigers 2000 meeting that £20,000 of the total would be used to try to develop a genetic test to see if Chinese medicines seized by customs contained illegal material that had been taken from tigers

### Madonna 'devastated'

Madonna is "devastated" at not being nominated for an Oscar for her lead role in Evita, according to Alan Parker, the film's director. The singer has remained silent on her failure to win a nomination but Mr Parker told a Buenos Aires newspaper: "She's very disgusted. She hoped that after winning the Golden Globe they would nominate her."

### Murder widow misses justice

An accountant's widow died from a brain haemorrhage just hours before the gangster who ordered her husband's murder was jailed for life. Barbara Wilson had attended every day of a five-week trial at Liverpool Crown Court over the shooting of her husband David, 47. at Chorley. Lancashire. Michael Austin, 41, from New Jersey, had feared that Mr Wilson was about to expose a multimillionpound insurance fraud involving cheap eigarettes.

### Rocket may be on seabed

The amateur space rocket test-fired at an army range on Monday may have been lost in the North Sea. Steve Bennett, its maker, says 50 knot winds blowing at the altitude at which its recovery parachute would have been deployed could have pushed it out to sea. Mr Bennett, 32, has offered a £500 reward for the return of the 10ft top stage of his Lext rocket, which disappeared into low cloud over the range at Otterburn, Northumberland.

## Sultan's cool plan for desert

An Arab sheikh, Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Quasimi, has built a £10 million dome in the desert of the United Arab Emirates to create a frozen home for his collection of rare Arctic plants. Electric currents passed through wires in the roof of the dome, part of a 25-acre botanical garden, can make snow fall to recreate the plant's native conditions, said his horticultural and environmental consultant Philip Swindells. The sultan is one of the world's richest men.

## Labour party 'would apply strict British economic tests'

## **Blair and Brown** unite to signal delay on the euro

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY BLAIR and Gordon Brown have delivered their firmest indications that a Labour government would not sign up to a European single currency in 1999.

Speaking in Washington. Mr Brown put new hurdles in the way of participation in monetary union, making Labour membership during the first wave more unlikely.

And in a BBC interview last night, he said that both he and

Mr Blair judged there were "real obstacles facing Britain and other countries that are increasingly difficult to overcome by 1999". He added: "Genting it right is more important than getting it quickly. We will apply strict British economic tests in the British economic interest."

In a speech today, the Labour leader will claim that there is no difference between Labour's policy and the Tories' formal line on monetary union, the broadest hint that he does not anticipate going into the first wave. Mr . Whether it would cost jobs. Blair will say: "We are keep. Mr Brown said that ing our options open to protect

entirely free of tax.

plan offers you:

the nation's economic inter-The Shadow Chancellor's

move suggested that he has been convinced by Mr Blair and Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, that a Labour government would be wise to stay out of the central core if a single currency went ahead on January 1, 1999. It came as Mr Major insisted that the Government's position on the single currency had not changed.

Mr Brown, speaking at a meeting in Washington with Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary, said a Labour government would examine:

The impact on investment by British firms in Britain and

Europe; ☐ The effect on British financiai services; ☐ Whether European countries were at a different stage of the economic cycle; ☐ Whether there was suffi-

cient flexibility to respond to

Mr Brown said that Labour's concern was that the

unexpected problems:

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timetable had been set politically without being properly driven in economic terms. He emphasised that there was a "triple lock" on the decision the British opt out. a vote of the British Parliament, and a

Mr Brown spoke as the details emerged of an surprise late-night meeting between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Clarke to patch up their differences over the single currency. On Wednesday Mr Rifkind broke the Cabinet truce by suggesting that the Government was hostile to a single currency, a remark described by the Chancellor as a "slip of the tongue under pressure".

After a day of confusion Mr Rifkind and Mr Clarke met for a "quiet noggin" at the Foreign Secretary's residence to smooth over their differences. A statement issued in the early hours said that they agreed they were "hostile" to a single currency where there had not been sufficient convergence between the participat-



Lord Hanson: forecast extremes of wealth and poverty.

## EMU would be our ruin, says Hanson

A SINGLE currency will reproduce throughout Europe the extremes of stag-nation and prosperity which already exist within EU nations, but on a far larger scale, while leaving individual governments poweriess to act, the industrialist Lord Hanson said yesterday.

That would lead to general resentment in northern Europe and "unprecedented" corruption in the sou Lord Hanson said he also feared that the social chapter which "New Labour wo

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quickly sign up for" — would reintroduce the restrictions which had been dismantled over the past 1? years and had led to Britain's miraculous economic performance.

The views of one of Britain's most powerful businessmen in The Spectator

this week will be music to the ears of Tory Euro-sceptics. Lord Hanson said that most of us" would have referendum if they! had thought they were voting for

a European superstate.

THE chief inspector of prisons today demands a complete shake-up of women's jails after finding bullying, sexual assaults and overcrowding in almost a third of female

Richard Tilt, the Director-General of the Prison Service, admitted that a new and more imaginative approach was more than simply house female prisoners."

## Women's prisons criticised

He criticises conditions for

cism of the treatment of women in prison, Sir David

needed to meet the needs of the record number of women in jail: "I have to recognise that for too long we have done no

## By RICHARD FORD

prisons.

hundreds of women held in three jails, including Holloway, as "unsatisfactory" and demands that urgent remedial action be taken.

### The exercise has cost the company about £1.2 million, he said, mainly in free tickets to regular commuters: in a letter handed out to passengers, Mr Souter apologised for the disruption caused by a mishandled driver retraining programme.

Court last year.

equate safety euipment.

Lord Bingham, sitting with Mr Justices Mitchell and Clarke, said: "Despite the

obvious care with which the

trial judge approached the

amendment we are left with

the inescapable conclusion

this amendment, made when

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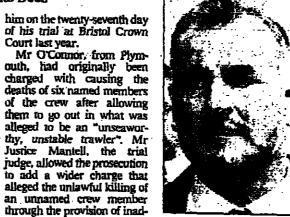
Ramsbotham demands a farreaching overhaul of their treatment by the appointment of a director of women's prisons with overall responsibility for the ten female pris-ons, housing a record 2,438

### Pescado operator freed on appeal By RICHARD DUCE have mounted had the A PROSECUTION error led him on the twenty-seventh day of his trial at Bristol Crown

the Court of Appeal yesterday to clear a trawler operator who was blamed for the loss of six lives when the fishing vessel Pescado sank off the Cornish coast six years ago.

Although three judges said the appeal case by Joseph O'Connor against a three-year sentence for manslaughter was "threadbare" it ruled his conviction unsafe and he was freed. He said: "I am feeling very happy but very sad for the bereaved."

The ruling provoked anger from relatives of the six and to renewed calls for a public inquiry into the sinking of the Pescado. The judges, headed by Lord Bingham, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that there had been a danger of injustice to Mr O'Connor, 44, when the prosecution was allowed to change the indictment against



O'Connor: indictment changed during trial

worked injustice to the appellant, threadbare though his case on the merits may have been. It seems to us the effect of this amendment was unfair because it deprived the appelit was, may very well have lant of the opportunity to

Crown's case been put in this way from the beginning." He said the prosecution had been given the opportunity to consider changing the indict-ment at pretrial review in December 1995 but had insist-

ed on adopting its course to the "bitter end". The defence had not then been given the opportunity to re-examine expert witness in detail on whether the crew could have survived in freezing waters if there had been a working liferaft. The prosecution alleged that none of the crew was trained to operate a radio, there was no distress beacon and the only lifebook was found lashed to the trawl-

er when it was recovered. It had proved impossible to determine the circustumances in which each crew member had died. Only three bodies

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## Rescue services criticise decision to make charter trip as Solent 'bubbled like a cauldron' THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 1997

## Three die as policemen sail yacht into storm-lashed seas

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RESCUERS criticised three policemen who took a yacht into notorious waters described as "a bubbling cauldron" during yesterday's storms. Two of the men and a teenager drowned when the boat capsized in the Solent.

The officer who survived clung for six hours to the grounded hull before a couple out walking saw his torch.
Colin Olden of Hamble
Inshore Rescue said: "Where they sailed through the Bridge Buoy area, near the Needles, conditions were absolutely horrendous. Winds were gusting up to 55 knots with very high seas. A comparatively small yacht like this would have been in severe difficul-

ties, however good the crew.
"I would not have expected anyone to have gone out in these conditions. Discretion should have been the better part of valour."

A Coastguard spokesman said: "Conditions were pretty dreadful. It was like a bubbling cauldron out there. The crew did not contact the Coastguard for advice on whether it was safe. If they had, we would have advised them in the strongest terms not to put to sea. We were broadcasting the weather warning every two hours."



Lindsay Mulford spotted the only survivor. A half-mast flag at Walford police station commemorates the victims, including Detective Constable Upton

David Asquith, 18, the son of Detective Constable Rod Asquith, 48, who was not on

The survivor, PC Martin Humble, 30, is about to be promoted to sergeant. The officers had met at Walford police station, southeast London Yesterday a Metropolitan Police flag flew there at half mast. PC Humble, who

Constable Tony Upton, 36, the skipper, who had commendations for bravery; PC Joseph Charnley, 35, a former Royal Marines Commando who served in the Falklands; and David Acquith 18, the son of and waved a torch to attract

help.
The yacht had capsized and was demasted before righting itself. The men had made a mayday call during the 30 seconds before it capsized a second time.
The caller said "Mayday.

mayday. Can you hear me? before transmission ceased.

Bob Woodwark, district controller of Lee-on-Solent Coastguard, said: Unfortunately, he gave no position, no location, no name."

One reason that the stricken yacht was not sponed in one of Britain's busiest shipping channels was because large vessels had heeded the warnings and had taken shelter from the storm, while smaller craft had not put to

As the Beneteau Oceanis 315 racing yacht, en route from Poole to the Hamble, capsized near the Needles on a notori-

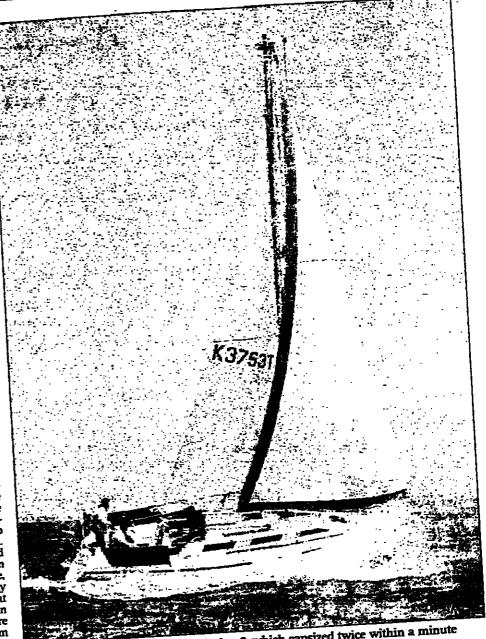
ous shingle bank at 4.35pm on Wednesday, two of the four. including the skipper, were swept overboard. Another was flung into the sea but remained attached to the yacht by a line. His body was later

PC Humble was saved six hours after the yacht ran aground, 150 yards offshore, when his torch beam was seen by Peter and Lindsay Mulford, who summoned help. After Mr Humble was picked by the Cowes inshore rescue craft Mrs Mulford, 51. took him home and wrapped him in blankets while he

waited for the ambulance. She said: "He was absolutely soaking and freezing and had a badly gashed hand. He was numb with shock."

An air-sea rescue was launched with the coastguard helicopter, six lifeboats and five coastguard teams. Two hours later two bodies wearing lifejackets with reflective strips were spotted, three quarters of a mile off Newtown. Both were taken to

Cowes by the Calshot lifeboat. The four men had chartered the yacht for four days from Fairview Sailing at Hamble, Hampshire. The company said it had been reassured that the vessel was to remain in inland waters. There were severe weather warnings from the word go. It is obvious they should not have been out."



The 35ft chartered yacht Fairview 2, which capsized twice within a minute

## Deadly channel where danger strikes rapidly

WHEN the wind is blowing at gale force, the Needles Chan-nel where Fairview 2 got into difficulty is one of the most dangerous stretches of water on the South Coast.

With Hurst Castle on one side and the Isle of Wight on the other, land is close by But huge seas can build very

The danger is increased by the way the seabed shelves steeply on either side of the channel. To the north there is the Shingles Bank and to the south the Bridge reef.

The crew of Fairview 2 appear to have been trying to enter the channel from the west with a very strong and gusty following wind.

It is likely that the 35ft

Beneteau may have been rolled by a wave breaking under it, or been caught lying sideways on to the seas. Another possibility is that she was simply knocked flat by a huge gust and dismasted. In those conditions it would have been almost impossible LOSS OF THE FAIRVIEW 2



Land may be close by but the Needles Channel can be a stern test for sailors, reports **Edward Gorman, Times** sailing correspondent

to rescue a crew member is very narrow yet, with every to haul back a man overboard tide, large volumes of water who was still attached by a sluice in and out, creating harness would have been hard enough. The violent motion of boat would be a lethal

In order to qualify as a charter vessel under Department of Trade regulations Fairview 2 should have met stringent safety standards. which would include passing stability tests. Among her inventory should have been a full range of safety equipment including liferaft, life-jackets, harnesses, flares and a portable VHF radio to back up the

4.35pm Yacht capsized and dismasted but rights

main set One member of the crew did make a mayday call but he was unable to give vital information about his position. Although he may have known exactly where he was,

it appears the mast came down, taking the VHF aerial swept overboard. He would sea. The key is that the have been quickly lost to the channel, which forms the eye between the peaks and western entrance to the Solent. Thoughts of the waves. Trying western entrance to the Solent. down, taking the VHF aerial the information it was telling him would have been no use without a radio.

For some reason he did not the transmission with the hand-held VHF set. Either it could not be found, it did not work, or the skipper had it in his pocket when he was swept overboard.

Only one of the policemen on board, the skipper, was a member of the Metropolitan Police Sailing Club, which is based at Mercury marina on the Hamble, near Southampton. The club, which was not involved in the charter of Fairview 2, is open to serving officers and their families and has about 500 members.

The club owns two cruising yachts, a Sadler 35 and a Sadler 34, and members can charter them for cruises. The club is also a Royal Yachting Association-recognised sailing school, offering theory and practical courses up to the Ocean Yachtmaster certif-

The skipper of Fairview 2 is thought to have attended theory classes at the sailing school up to Yachunaster standard and had completed a Day Skipper practical exam, which is the lowest RYA qualification, teaching the basics of navigation and managing a yacht in inshore waters.

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## 6 yacht found with one survivor aboard Navy spy who sold secrets to Russians dies in crash

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BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

on apper. DAVID BINGHAM, one of Britain's most notorious spies, was killed yesterday in a car crash near his home in the Midlands.

He had served eight years of a 21-year sentence passed on him in 1971 for selling secrets to the Russians.

Bingham, 56, and his dog were killed when his ear hit a tree and burst into flames at Snitterfield, near Stratfordupon-Avon. Police confirmed his identity

as David Brough, the name he adopted and hid under after his release from prison in 1981. Over a period of three years se former naval sub-lieutenant and torpedo expert had systematically photographed the Navy's most sensitive sonar and submarine weapons

secrets and passed them on to The judge at Winchester the Russians.



Bingham: photographed submarine secrets

Crown Court branded his spying as "an amazing act of treachery" and sentenced him to a total of 126 years - to run concurrently - on 12 counts. His wife Maureen was subsequently sent to prison for two and a half years for contacting a member of the

Soviet Embassy. The couple

were beset with debts; Bing-ham began spying after his wife visited the Embassy, and he received a total of £2,810 for photographing and passing on the sensitive British and Nato documents to the Soviet

His case, and that of Leonard Hinchiffe, a cypher clerk, led to the setting up of the Security Commission headed by Lord Diplock.

After his release he took on the new identity as David Brough and became a pillar of respectable society and vice president of Bournemouth Conservative Club. However he was recognised

by a former colleague, and fled to a new home - near Stratford - with his second wife, Mary, a cousin whom he married while in prison. He became manager of an

alternative therapy centre called Lifeways, responsible for a team of 25 healers and hypnotherapists.

The nation was shocked by the brutal shooting of a paperboy who had interrupted a burglary

## Convictions were based on one man's confession

REPORTS BY JOANNA BALE, ADRIAN LEE AND CAROL MIDGLEY

PAPERBOY Carl Bridgewater was shot dead after apparently interrupting a burglary while delivering an evening newspaper at an isolated farmhouse. He arrived at Yew Tree Farm, Prestwood, Staffordshire at about 4.20pm on Scotember 19, 1978 to find the door aiar, but no sign of the elderly couple who lived there. Carl stepped inside to leave the paper on a chair and was killed by a single shotgun

blast to the head. The crime shocked the nation but police had few clues to go on. Six weeks later, armed robbers threatened an old couple at another isolated farmhouse less than an hour's drive away from the scene of

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Carl's murder. The getaway car belonged to a girlfriend of Vincent Hickey, a 25-year-old petty criminal. When he was arrested for that burglary. Hickey, having won favourable treatment by giv-ing police information follow-ing previous robberies, tried a similar trade-off. He implicated his cousin Michael Hickey, 17. James Robinson, 43, and Patrick Molloy, 49, who had a criminal career involving burglary.

Robinson had been in and out of jail for much of his life and in September 1978 had bought a shotgun which he

Convictions undermined: Patrick Molloy, who died in prison, Vincent Hickey

had used in a robbery in Birmingham. One of his accomplices was Michael Hick-

Both admitted the robbery at the second farm but strongly denied killing Carl. Molloy. who was denied access to a lawyer for ten days, at first denied the murder but later, according to the police, confessed and signed a statement saving he had been unstairs in Yew Tree Farm searching for antiques when he heard a shot. On running downstairs, he found the boy dead on the sofa in the living room with Robinson, and the Hickey

accusations against the police would reduce his chances of convincing the jury that he did not kill Carl. Nevertheless, he was found guilty of man-slaughter and his co-defendants of murder at Stafford Crown Court in 1979. Vincent Hickey and Robin-

son were sentenced to life with a recommendation that they each serve 25 years; Michael Hickey was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure because he was under 17; and Molloy was jailed for 12 years.

cousins standing over the

body.

The "confession" resulted in

the four men being charged

with Carl's murder. There was

no forensic evidence linking

them to the farm and neither

the vehicles in which they

allegedly travelled nor the

been told by his lawyers that

antiques were ever found. Molloy did not challenge the confession in court, having

After the conviction, Molloy retracted his confession, he alleged, had been beaten out of him by officers from the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad. He died in in 1981 after collapsing at Gartree prison.

including Michael Hickey's mother Ann Whelan, have accumulated a dossier of information which, they claim, undermines the convictions.



James Robinson protests his innocence at Gartree in 1993. He had once used a shotgun in a robbery

At least five witnesses, several of whom were prisoners who received remission, have retracted evidence that the men made incriminating remarks; and four linguistic experts believe the Molloy statement was fabricated.

In 1987, Douglas Hurd, then Home Secretary, examined fresh evidence and referred the case to the Court of Appeal. Brian Sinton, who testified at the trial that Michael Hickey had admitted the murder in a shower room at Winson Green prison confirmed that he had made up

Michael Howard ordered a second appeal because evidence that fingerprints not linked to the men were found on Carl's bicycle was not

## 'Killer' refused to go free unless his name was clear

when he was convicted and would have been freed on parole two years ago, had he chosen to apply for it. Instead, he rejected pleas from his mother, Ann Whelan, and his lawyer, Jim Nichol, to fight to clear his name from outside

Hickey's mental health has been poor and he has spent much of his time at Ashworth. the secure mental unit on Merseyside, and on medi-

in 1981, he mounted a rooftop protest with his cousin Vincent at Long Lartin prison in Hereford and Worcester, claiming that Hubert Spencer, an early suspect, was Carl's

in solitary confinement as a

punishment. At Gartree, during the win-

ter of 1983-84, he staged another rooftop protest over 89 James Robinson, aged 45 at the time of the trial, was a

small-time crook who had taken part in two armed robberies. He owned the shotgun used in the second farmhouse robbery which led the police to Vincent Hickey.

He mounted an 82-day rooftop protest at Gartree prison in 1993 after Kenneth Clarke. then Home Secretary, announced that he was declining to send the case back to the

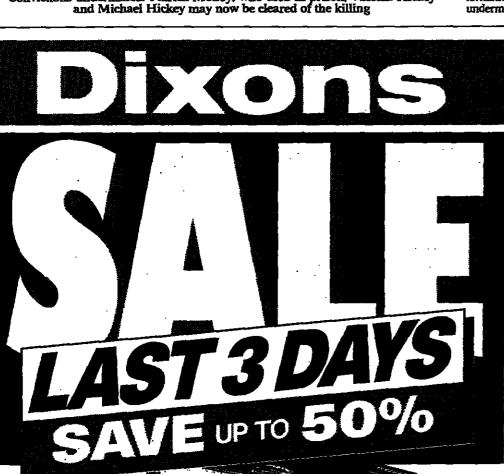
tary at the 1989 appeal.

Vincent Hickey, who was 25 when he was imprisoned, had convictions for theft and assault. He has never been forgiven by the others for implicating them.

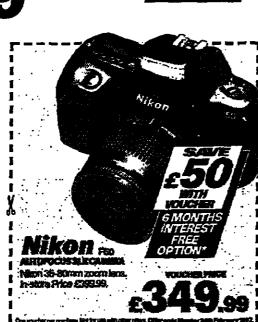
As well as a rooftop protest with his cousin at Long Lartin, he has been on at least four hunger strikes. One of them, at Parkhurst, on the Isle of Wight, lasted 44 days in

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Pat Molloy, who died in jail in 1981, was married with five children. He had worked as a carpet-layer before turning to burglary. He had been impris-













## killer. He spent three months mber 19, 1978; Carl Bridgewater

December 11: Molloy "confesses" having gone with three others to burgle farm. ■ November 9, 1979: Michael Hickey, Vincent Hickey, Robinson and Molloy con-victed of killing Carl.

June 12 1981: Molloy dies in jail. M December: Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justica refuses leave to appeal.

February 1983: Hickeys stage rooftop protest at Long Lartin prison. November: Michael Hickey starts 80-day rooftop protest at Gartree prison.

Cotober 15 1987: Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, refers case to Court of Appeal. March 17 1989: appeal dismissed.

Cotober 1991: Kenneth Beker, Home Secretary, announces new police inquiry.

Timothy O'Malley, trial jury foreman, expresses doubts about "confession".

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Appeal.

Malley says he believes all June 1994: solicitors for the men put forward fresh petition calling for Court of

■ October 1995: Michael Hickey turns down offer of parole because he says he wants to leave prison with his name cleared. E December: Michael Howard, Home Sec-

Tetary, refuses appeal referral.

Examil 1996: Michael Chance, prosecution official, expresses "deep concern" over withholding of crucial evidence. Luly 26: Michael Howard announces referral to Court of Appeal.

## The nightmare starts again for Carl's parents

THE quashing of the convictions would reopen painful wounds for Carl Bridgewater's previous attempts to free the men. Mr Bridgewater said last year: "They have had all the chances in the world. Carl had none. What others seem to be trying to do is to try an old

case with new laws.

Mr Bridgewater, an engineer from Wordsley, West Midlands, refused to discuss the case for many years but the couple were angered by a Rough Justice television programme that questioned the convictions. He said: "Of course it stirs up painful memories. We have kept quiet about this for years, through all the appeals and production of so-called new evidence, because we did not want to get inclved in public rows. But

something finally has to be said. "Just occasionally you can't help but wonder what the boy would be doing now. You can never get over something like this and you can't describe what it does to you. We were convinced at the time that those men did it. Nothing since has changed our minds." Support for the Bridgewater Four from celebrities including Ben Elton and Jill

## Spotlight is turned back on convicted murderer

A DECISION to quash the convictions would again cast suspicion on a convicted killer who has been linked with the Bridgewater murder for more than 17 years.

Hubert Spencer served 14 ears of a life sentence for shooting dead a farmer, Hu-bert Wilkes, during an argu-ment at a house half a mile away from Yew Tree Farm 13 months after Carl's murder.

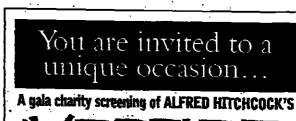
Mr Wilkes' body was found sitting upright on a setter — the same position in which Carl's body was discovered. The conversation before the murder of Wilkes, 70, was about the Bridgewater case. Mr Spencer, an ambulance officer who owned guns and knew Carl, gave himself up minutes after Wilkes' murder but has repeatedly denied involvement in the Bridgewater case. He also had an alibi Barbara Riebold, an ambulance secretary, said he was on

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duty at Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, West Midlands, at the time of the newspaper boy's murder. However, the relevant records had vanished when detectives visited the

After his conviction for the Wilkes killing in June 1980. graffiti appeared on railway bridges near his former home saying "Spencer killed Carl". Paul Foot, the investigative journalist also named him as the possible killer in his book Murder at the Farm in 1986. Mr Spencer has also written a book about his experience, which he is attempting to have published. "I did not murder Carl. Supporters of the four men convicted for the crime have turned me into a scapegoat for their rightful convictions. I have the evidence to prove it — but I should not have to.



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## 'Loner threatened a 'Hungerford' after losing gun licence

armonrer. By 1994 he had five

shotguns, four automatic pis-

tols, three revolvers and two

rilles. He lost his licence after

an argument with a police

officer who had visited him to

question him about an

application to increase his col-

any burglar trying to steal

Jonathan Austin, for the defence, told the court that

Curtis was not obsessive about

guns and meant no harm

either to the police or the

document and that it had been

denied to the defence. He said

the case had "snowballed" out of proportion to the offences.

cerned by the threat posed by

Curtis that the three officers

named in the fantasy have

been offered counselling and a

The police were so con-

A DISTURBED gun enthusiast who fantasised about a Hungerford-style shooting in a Welsh spa town was jailed for four and a half years for drugs and firearms offences yesterday at Caernarvon Crown Court, north Wales.

Jason Curtis, 28, from Llandrindod Wells, Powys, wrote a four-page account of a recurring dream where he shot the police officers he blamed for losing his gun licence two years earlier. Curtis, an unemployed loner who sold canna-bis and experimented with LSD laced with rat poison. then described how he would walk through the streets of the town shooting, killing and maximing passers by, the spree ending with his death in a

shootout with police. Mr Justice Mance, who described the document as "truly horrific", said what had given most cause for concern was Curtis's represention of himself as a serial killer of police \*against whom you apparently bear a grudge". Curtis had pleaded guilty to

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four firearms charges, relat-ing to the possession of a pump-action shotgun, rifle parts and ammunition, including home-made "hollow point" shells and a silencer, and drug charges including possession of cannabis with intent to supply and posses-sion of LSD. Curtis was given 27 months each for the drugs and firearms charges, to run consecutively.

Dyfed-Powys Police were

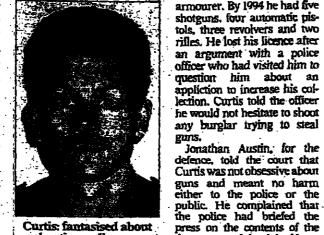
convinced last night that their action had averted a potential massacre. They acted on the advice of a clinical psychologist who said Curtis possessed the characteristics of a spree killer like Michael Ryan, the

Killer like Michael Kyan, the Hungerford gunman.

Keith Turner, Dyfed-Powys assistant chief constable, said:

The drugs and access to drugs really does frighten the life out of me. Who knows what an individual hallucinating from such abuse would be capable of. If he had not stopped we could have had another Hungerford."

Curtis, who took to dealing in drugs after his washing machine repair business collapsed, has spent eight



Curtis: fantasised about shooting policemen

months in custody, mostly in Ashworth special hospital, awaiting sentencing. He has undergone numerous psychiatric examinations but, the court was told, each medical inquiry concluded, to a greater or lesser extent, that he was not a suitable case for treatment at a secure hospital.

Curtis became involved with weapons and violence while a child. At the age of 14 he exhibited a drawing in a local show depicting a panora-ma of murders. When police found the drawing years later Curtis had written "DEATH" in large letters on the back.

He was born in Sheffield but spent most of his child-hood in Builth Wells. His family moved to Llandrindod Wells and Curtis went into the family business of repairing washing machines. His mother and father separated, his father retired and Curis ran the business until it collapsed

The father had a firearms licence and his son also acquired one. Curtis kept an array of firearms equipment, including a shoulder holster which figured in his fantasy,

pamphlets and books. The court was told that Curtis was picked up last year on a routine check. Police found 22 cannabis plants amid an "extraordinary quantity" of ammunition and gun componems, all held illegally.

Curtis, the court was told, had shot at the Abbeycumhir club and became unofficial



The collection of firearms that police found at Curtis's home after stopping him in a routine check

## Police alerted by chilling fantasy

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

revenge on the police who robbed him of his beloved guns terrified the officers who found the four-page account of his plans for a killing spree in the town in which he lived. The racy style, crude spelling and punctutation mistakes could not hide Curtis's anger

After the document was discovered in personal com-puter. Curtis told police that he had written it in 1995 when he decided to record the details of a dream he had every week. The story begins: "It was

warm sunny morning on the 8th July and the people of Llandrindod Wells went tu their normal, merry way ... no one would have guessed of the holocaust to come.

"He thought of all the great times he had shooting with his dogs, all that freedom and fresh air but how he felt trapped like a wild animal or a coiled spring waiting to be set

JASON CURTIS'S fantasy of free, released ... Somebody is going to have to pay. He walked to his window and looked out. Thats who. Those \*\*\*\* bastards out there, every

He arms himself with two pistols and over 200 rounds of ammunition including hollow points he had made for huntng but now were to be used hunting the enemy".

At the police station he asks to see his first victim. As Officer A comes out he is greeted by "Jason" and fear shows on his face as the gunman takes aim. "Jason gripped the pistol with both hands and fired twice at the large man's face."

More officers are killed

before "Jason" goes out into the town and turns his gun on men, women and children. "Jason" walks home and opens the windows to gaze down at the total mass panic. Then as police begin to gather he reloads his gun.





Boys' own: Christine Cubitt and her youngest son Edward, seven, with the new magazine she produced after her sons complained about a lack of reading matter

## Mother launches magazine to help boys to be boys

A MOTHER is launching her own glossy magazine for boys today, after her young sons complained there was nothing on the market for that difficult age when a chap is too old just for children's comics and too young for men's lifestyle guides.

Under the name Boys 1st, Christine Cubitt's publication includes entertainment, comic-strip adventures and general-interest articles. There will be girls but no sex, unlike the more controversial publica-tions for pre-teen females. Mrs Cubbitt, 39, of Eldwick,

near Bingley, West Yorkshire, is a former secretary and PA whose only previous expenence of magazine production was a desk-top publishing course. She said: The boys had their comics and football mags but, unlike the girls' market which is saturated, there was nothing of general interest for the eight to 13-

year-old.
"I wanted something that would entertain them but educate them too. Boys are notoriously bad readers, so it

had to be presented in a fashion they could accept." The £1.60 monthly magazine is put together on her

home computer before going for processing in Leeds. Her three sons James, 11, Robert, 9, and Edward, 7, act as editorial consultants. James appears on the front cover. Her husband, David, who runs a financial services business, heips out and her moth-

er keeps the books. Today's 20-page first edition includes a cartoon strip on a boy who becomes a super-hero to fight computercreated villains, and a Famous Five-type serial about four children who discover gold in a Cumbrian mine. There is an interview with Nick Parkes, the creator of Wallace and Gromit, and a science page. The material is produced by a team of outside contributors. A general-knowledge competition offers a chance to win a set of chil-

dren's encyclopedias "My sons think it's brilliant," she said. "But they would, wouldn't they?"

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## Health screening may do more harm than good, say experts

MASS health screening pro-grammes may harm healthy people while helping only a few who are sick, experts say. Being wrongly identified as

a sufferer from a disease - a "lalse positive" result - or alerted to a potential risk can cause high levels of anxiety which remain even after subsequent testing has shown no sign of the condition, research

Screening tests for conditions ranging from breast cancer to foetal abnormalities are under scrutiny by the NHS Technology Assessment

The negative psychological effects of screening must be balanced against the benefits, say two researchers. Jeremy Laurance reports

give value for money. Earlier this month, the programme rejected prostate cancer because there was no evidence that early treatment improved survival.

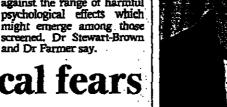
Writing in the British Medical Journal, Dr Sarah Stewart Brown and Dr Andrew Farmer, of the Health Services Research Unit at Oxford University, say that screening pro-grammes affect a large

number of people in order to benefit a few. "A small adverse effect on quality of life ... could have an impact on the public health which outweighs any gain." they sav.

Checking blood pressure at reason why studies of choleswork may make people less terol testing have shown a decrease in deaths from heart healthy, as those with high readings tend to be off sick disease but an increase in total more and have greater anxiety even though they require no treatment. Cholesterol testing

risks. Screening may then have a negative effect if people shown to be free of cancer or with low cholesterol become resistant to health advice and continue to smoke or eat high-Before new screening pro-

grammes are introduced, the benefits of a small increase in life expectancy or reduction in disability for a small number of people have to be balanced against the range of harmful screened, Dr Stewart-Brown



## Benefit should overcome psychological fears

HAVING worked in screening at Bupa for 25 years, 1 know the problems, but the medical advantages it offers should not be obscured.

Health screening programmes are more difficult to establish successfully in the NHS and public sector generally than they are in occupational health schemes or in private medicine, where patient compliance is better. The problems of translating the benefits derived by individuals who have paid for their screening themselves or through employers to the population at large are considerable.

It is undeniable that early diagnosis and the time-consuming but regular medical consultations available as a result of screening contribute to the disparity in health care between the rich and the poor. That disparity is a good reason to spend more on, and improve, the NHS but not a reason to disparage competent health screening. British Medical Journal that the

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anxiety experienced by a small number of patients because of the fear of screening, and the apprehension which they might feel while awaiting results, should be given preference over "the benefits of a small increase in life expectancy, or a reduction in disability, of a small number of people'

is unsupportable. That a life should be sacrificed because a small minority of people are pathologically frightened of doctors and medical tests would find little favour with those whose breast cancer was found by the time when it could

have been successfully removed. whose stroke or coronary thrombosis was averted by judicious numbers, whose diabetes was dealt with before their sight, heart, arteries and peripheral nerves were destroyed, or even with those whose depression was treated before marriages were de-

may also send people to an early grave. Men who know

they are at high risk of dying

of heart disease may be more

inclined to take other risks.

This has been suggested as a

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stroyed and suicide was contemplated. Nor would the patient whose cancer of the lung could have been protected in time, but wasn't, be reconciled to an early death because he, or increasingly she, was not X-rayed less a sense of false security encouraged them to

continue smoking. The risk of lung cancer from smoking continues for many years after the last cigarette.

Efforts to improve the health of the overwhelming majority who are psychologically well balanced should not be hindered by anxieties over the frailty of a small minority. Better, and

less frightening, ways of screening this minority should be sought.

The report in the BMJ concludes we need to know the social and psychological cost of screening before deciding whether individual screening programmes should or should not be provided. What we as doctors need to know is whether patients' health and life expectancy would be improved if they were to have the test, and we should seek ways of so motivating them that they attended regularly.

The political and social implications which are raised by screening will have to be solved by the politicians, working with medical advice, and are not the primary concern of the doctor.



Tracey and Ian Walton at the High Court. Below, Mr Walton's verse

## Poets' union says sorry for 'vanity' jibe at publisher

AND AUDREY MAGEE

NOT gods, nor men, nor even booksellers, have put up with poets being second-rate, wrote Horace. Yesterday the Poetry Society paid dearly for sug-gesting that a publisher took noney to put up with unpubishable verse.

The society, the nearest thing poor struggling creators of verse have to a trade union, was forced to make an unreserved High Court apology for suggesting that a Cam-bridgeshire publishing house accepted payment from poets to issue work which would never otherwise see the light of day.

In a statement read out in court, the society, founded in 1909, said that allegations published in the spring 1995 edition of its quarterly journal were wholly unjustified and vithout foundation. In an article entitled "Vanity Presses and Dodgy Competitions". the magazine had claimed that Forward Press, a Peterborough-based publisher, was involved in so-called vanity publishing, where authors

A FEW LINES FROM THE VICTOR Small committees locked in smoke-filled rooms

Would tell the nation's writers only they Can judge their work and only they can say which poems should be published Which should not.

But poetry, at last, has won the day. It is for all and not for an elite. They tried to guard their sanctum but they lost The fight, and now can bear the cost

paid publishers to print their work, instead of the other way round, which is the usua

The article further accused lan Walton, founder of Forward Press and himself a poet, of having no interest in literature. The society agreed to pay the £58,000 legal costs incurred by Forward Press, which has 60 employees and a £1.2 million annual turnover,

in bringing the action. Mr Walton and his wife Tracey, co-owners of Borward Press, claimed that their business had floundered after the article in Poetry News. They said it was a slur on the 70,000 mainly unknown poets whose work featured in the 1,000

Roger McGough, the fairly well-known poet who tried to mediate in the dispute, said last night: "It was a rather sad state of affairs. The whole thing has cost the Poetry Society a lot of money. I think Forward Press went too far on

After the hearing, Mr Walton said that the court ruling was a victory for the punter poet over snobby elitism. He could not, however, resist composing a verse on the spot for The Times to mark the

As Horace also wrote, you have to put up with a lot to

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GALES have affected supplies of fish this week and prices have risen, but supplies of shellfish are little affected so mussels, at about £2.25 for a 2kg bag, or oysters, from 35p to 45p each, are a good buy (Robin Young writes).

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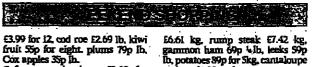
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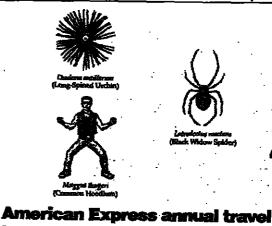
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## Can Ashdown find more than a niche market for tax candour?

a majority of voters want a change of government, many do not believe it will make a real difference to their lives. Any gov-ernment would have limited freeand social policy. So is the choice for voters merely between an experienced though stale team and an inexperienced through fresh rather than of policies?

Of course, the main parties disagree sharply over the constitution, as yesterday's Commons dehate showed. But I doubt if Tony

general election is that while current line about not reducing the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster and of altering the traditional convention of having the detailed examination of any devolution Bill on the floor of the Commons and instead having it upstairs in a smaller standing committee. That almost invites the Lords to put forward wrecking

> Labour is torn between grand rhetorical statements about the need for a change, as in the peroration to Mr Blair's speech yesterday, and its "don't frighten the voters" caution over policy

### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

details. Labour has this year narrowed or eliminated differences with the Government on taxes, public spending and, now, the single currency to remove possible electoral vulnerability. The Liberal Democrats are trying to exploit Labour's risk-averse approach -"warm words, vague promises and woolly evasions", as its Priorities for Britain document said yesterday. This attitude has increasingly irritated Mr Blair who would have liked a statement on joint priorities

for government, but the Liberal previous qualification, "if neces-Democrats have been reluctant to sary", has been dropped. This, and get so close.

The Liberal Democrats have anted to differentiate themselves: hence, their election slogan unveiled yesterday, Making the Difference. This steers a careful course between trying to appear sharp-edged, particularly on tax-ation, and being self-consciously would like. Yesterday's document does carve out some distinctive territory, notably an unequivocal commitment to raise income tax by Ip to finance an additional £2 billion a year on education. The

a parallel promise on the NHS, are at best partial answers, but at least they recognise the existence of the underlying spending and tax dilemmas facing any government. The party has also promised to make the Bank of England operationally independent, tax pollution and take Britain into a single

currency in the first wave. Paddy Ashdown has two problems — first, making the faberal Democrat voice heard, though that will be much easier when the election campaign starts; and, second, proving that there is more

than a niche market for candour. Some voters will probably back higher taxes in return for proven improvements in public services, but are there enough of them in its target seats in the South West? Labour faces the opposite dilen-

ma: how far their caution undermines any claim that a Blair government could make a difference? Several spokesmen have recently sought to show that Labour would make a difference, justas senior ministers are eager to show they are still full of ideas. Following Gordon Brown's Crosland lecture last week, David Blunkett last night made his case

ham. What was so interesting was his rejection of traditional cash transfers between groups to reduce social divisions. Instead of the "welfaristo of the past, he talked about reviving self-help movements: training and education and a renewed commitment to public services. Mr Blunkett believes in activist government to produce self-reliant individuals: a return, as he said, to the vision of George Bernard Shaw. But Labour still has to offer better answers as to how all this will be financed.

PETER RIDDELL

## You are selling out to the separatists, Major tells Labour

our yesterday of putting party before country with its plans for Scottish and Welsh Opening a Commons de-

bate on the constitution, the Prime Minister said that the Opposition's proposals would undermine the unity of the United Kingdom and erode the authority of this Parliament". He said that any MP backing plans for a tax-raising Scottish parliament and a toothless Welsh Assembly should be ashamed.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats might believe that by advocating the devolution of power, they could buy off the separatists who wanted full independence for Scotland and Wales. "I believe they are selling out to the separatists."

He challenged Tony Blair to justify a system that would stop Scottish MPs sitting at Westminster from making policy directly affecting their own constituencies because that would be the responsibility of a Scottish parliament.

would not be able to vote on health, education or other important matters relating to his constituents in Dunlermline, but he could get stuck in

in Dagenham, closing grammar schools, abolishing GP fundholding practices and all the other nonsense that Labour supports." Mr Major also called on Mr Blair to say why Scottish MPs should take part in English policy-making, when English

MPs would lose their say over Scottish affairs. He said that Mr Blair had argued previously that Labour's answer was the same as it had always been. What is it? When is it? It is as elusive as the Loch Ness monster. Has anyone seen it or heard it?"

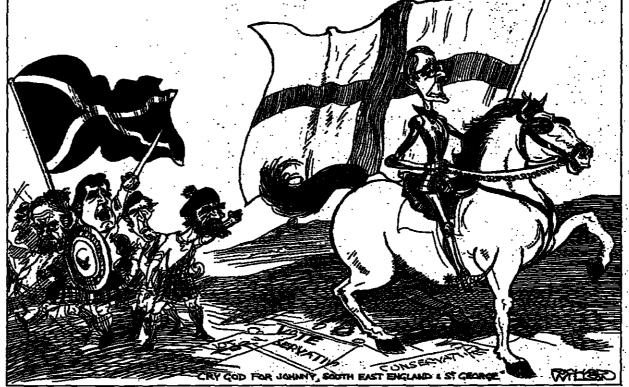
Mr Major said that giving a Scottish parliament the right to increase income tax by up to 3p above the British rate could leave the average person in Scotland £6 a week worse off. It would cause huge confusion for companies such as Kwikfit. which is based in Edinburgh

and has 4,000 staff in England and 1,200 in Scotland.

They are all paid from the payroll in Edinburgh. Would they all pay the tartan tax, or would Kwiklit be expected to apply different tax rates to different employees?"

Mr Major said that Labour wanted to tamper with the House of Lords, despite its value as a revising chamber and a forum for debate. By proposing to remove the vot-ing rights of hereditary peers, Labour risked creating "the largest and most powerful quango in history". The final lunacy was reform

of the voting system. Proportional representation - on which Labour's view was very murky — would mean permanent coalition governments and endless backroom deals. Mr Blair produced a string of comments made in the past by present Cabinet ministers support of devolution for Scotland. "Naturally the Tories are entitled to change their minds. But let them no longer insult our intelligence



Blair backs Howarth

for Welsh stronghold

and that of the British people by pretending that a policy they used to espouse in virtually every detail means the end of civilisation as we know it."

He said that Mr Major had not one positive proposal to make". If the Tories were so opposed to Scottish and Welsh assemblies, why did they not commit a future Tory govern-

ment to abolishing them?
Mr Blair turned his attack
on hereditary peers, arguing

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that they were only supported by Tories because most of them were Tories. "If the majority were Labour, I bet the joys of democracy would erupt on the opposite."

Mr Blair also indicated that some senior Tories had spoken out against the Lords, telling MPs that William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, had called peers "silly". The Scottish Secretary,

Michael Forsyth, rose four times to challenge Mr Blair. He agreed that the Tories had supported devolution in the 1970s, but said they had abandoned the policy because they could not find a way to answer

the West Lothian question. And Mr Hague asked Mr Blair: "If you are so interested in what I said 17 years ago . . . will you tell us whether you agree with everything you said 17 years ago, or indeed with

Thatcherite who joined Lab-

anything you said 17 years

Paddy Ashdown, the Lib-

eral Democrat leader, accused the Government of scaremongering about constitution-al change. "It is not a Scottish parliament that poses a threat to the United Kingdom ... it's the continuing and contemp-tuous rejection of the Scottish and Welsh will for more control over their own affairs that poses the real threat."



Howarth to secure a seat. His defection was a crowning achievement of the Blairite reform of the party. Mr Howarth, 51, said: "I will ask the Newport East constituency party to consider me. It is of

## **Ministers** defeat peers over guns Bill

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government's gun control legislation cleared its final parliamentary hurdle last night after pro-shooting peers gave up further opposition to

he measure. The Firearms (Amendment) Bill, which will ban large handguns and require owners to keep exempted small-bore weapons in secure gun clubs. will now receive royal assent within a few weeks and should

be in force by early summer. Many peers still voiced their concerns at the Bill, but said it would be pointless to send it back to the Commons.

This week MPs rejected by large majorities two amendments from the Lords that would have given compensation to clubs and dealers. They also threw out a proposal to allow owners to dismantle their guns, keeping part at

home, and part at a club.

Pro-shooting peers insisted that these measures would make life easier for those thousands in the firearms industry whose livelihoods will be destroyed. But they said that they had taken their opposition as far as they could. There had been fears that peers would send the Bill back to MPs, with the risk of killing the measure through lack of parliamentary time.

One pro-shooting Labour peer. Lord Stoddart of Swindon, pushed the so-called disassembly amendment to a vote but was defeated by 197 to 24, a government majority of 173. All other substantial amendments were passed without a vote.

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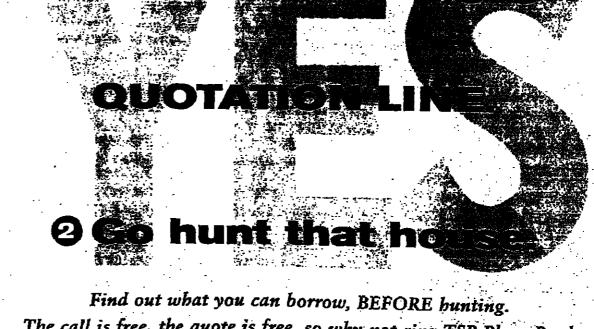
Lord Lester of Herne Hill, a Liberal Democrat, moved a new amendment asking the Government to look into the possibility that the Bill might breach the European Convention on Human Rights. Although Lord Lester withdrew the amendment after a short debate, he insisted that it be put to a vote. Peers voted against it by 160 to 24.

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## Lottery's £137m heralds renaissance of museums

the popularity of our museums, they are visited by as many people as attend football matches or go to the cinema. Visitor numbers continue to grow, although over the past 20 years many of our museums, both national and provincial, have been neglected, demoralised and desperately under-

The vision and enthusiasm of the Victorians that helped to build this country's stopendous inheritance of maseums and collections has been eroded. However, the National Lottery has provided an opportunity to bring about a renaissance in this field.

Even before yesterday's announcement, the Heritage Lottery Fund had spent £160 million on 98 museum projects. They include such diverse ventures as the Eyam Museum in

Derbyshire, the Roald Dahl Gallery in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, the Jute Museum in Dundee, the Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh and the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford.

Our priorities are not the creation of new museums. There are already some 2,500 in this country. But in exceptional circumstances we have awarded grants to new buildings of outstanding architectural significance which fill a gap in housing existing collections. They include Richard Macormac's library for the Ruskin Archive at Lancaster University and Sir Norman Foster's display hangar for the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

The lottery fund's primary concern must be to look after the museums we have and to bring them up to date. Yesterday's announcements, the first round of our major museum programme, Lord Rothschild, the Chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, explains how a Victorian vision of 'instruction and entertainment" will be redefined for today

will, we hope, help to redefine what the 1845 Act that set up arts and science museums described as "instruction and entertainment of the inhabitants". This objective has expanded enormously beyond what was expected in the 19th

Lecture theatres, cafés and shop are necessary side attractions. Many 19th century buildings have had to be adapted to social amenities. It may well be the case that without these facilities, the 19thcentury museum would not survive.

For more than a century Manchester has wanted to build an extension on the empty site next to the City Art Gallery. now it will happen. We have also been able to help some of the national museums on a significant scale. The National Portrait Gallery scheme will take people to its top floors, which only 20 per cent of its 800,000 annual visitors see. The National Gallery will have a new gallery for Tudor paintings, a rooftop

restaurant and a lecture theatre. There is an important double dividend to this scheme: the additional rooms will allow the National Gallery to display better its growing 19th-century collection and will provide the ideal setting for an

landscapes which have been promised to the gallery. The east end of Wilkins's building will at last be returned to the National Gallery, making sense of the

Technology will dramatically increase the scope for "museums without walls". I agree with Neil MacGregor, the Director of the National Gallery, that electronic media could help to achieve the 19thcentury ideal that everybody should be able to enjoy these great museums and collections, if possible free of charge. The National Gallery, for example, wants to put a complete visit on the Internet you will be able to "come into" the gallery on screen, go round every room, look at every picture, find out about it, and pursue the bibliography and particular

information. Then there is the question of physical

sive are our collections that many are not displayed or accessible for study. I hope that we can adopt the slogan "sweeping out the atties and cellars" of the nation, recently used by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Today's headline figures are for large amounts of money - 23 grant allocations totalling £137 million, with total project costs of £204 million - which will be drawn down over a period of years. In addition, we felt it right to offer development funding for such schemes as the National Coal Mining Museum and the National Railway Museum, both in Yorkshire.

Breathing life back into museums' lungs will be a great achievement for the National Lottery. Urban parks will have their turn next a large number of grants will be announced next month.

## Manchester fares best in nationwide grants

## Funding aims to revive cash-starved galleries

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GALLERIES throughout Britain yesterday received their largest single injection of cash since the Museums Act of 1845, which decreed that town councils could spend money on public collections of art and science.

Some £137 million was shared out between 23 instituitions and archival projects yesterday, rejuvenating cashstarved collections whose once grand buildings have fallen into decline. However, recipients have to raise £45 million in matching partnership funding. Some institutions have already raised their share: others still face a struggle.

The money will enable many to expand exhibition spaces and facilities, showing important works of art that have been relegated to storerooms since the last century. It will allow others to preserve historic holdings that would otherwise crumble away.

One of the largest grants went to Manchester, with £35 million split between three museums. About £15 million was allocated to the city art gallery, enabling one of England's foremost regional collections to do justice to its vast holding: at present only 5 per cent of its 25,000 works of art is seen by the public.

Kate Farmery of Manchester City Art Gallery said: works for the past 150 years. but the building is not adequate to show them. With the new plans, we will be able to show 50 per cent of our fine art and 30 per cent of the decora-

The gallery has just sent 30 Turner watercolours on tour to America: "We've had them for 100 years, but never been able to show them," she said. The money would allow a public It is hoped the work

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The museum also has a fine collection of Pre-Raphaelites and 20th century masters such as Giacometti and Bacon: they The grant will allow the gallery to greatly improve its two listed 19th-century buildings, designed in classical style by Charles Barry. Three new floors of galleries will be created with environmental controls to meet international standards. The basements. crammed with rack upon rack of pottery, ceramics and silverware, will be opened to the

correctly air-conditioned room will help to double visitor numbers by 2000.

The Manchester Museum, a combined natural sciences and humanities museum with some five million specimens. received £12 million to improve its displays. Its departments, from archaeology to zoology, are important research centres in their own right, with the natural sciences collections featuring specimens dating back to 1803. These are invaluable sources of plant DNA from a world before pollution.

The city's Museum of Science and Industry, which comsocial history, received £8.8 million for improving its

National museums in London also received substantial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund: £7.24 million to the Wallace Collection and £11.9 million to the National Portrait Gallery. Some £1.88 million went to the Courtauld Institute in Landon to complete the architectural restoration of the north block of Somerset House, the 18thcentury masterpiece of Sir

William Chambers. John Murdoch, director of the Courtauld, which holds one of the world's finest collections of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, said: "It will be wonderful for everyone to see our great collections displayed in these peerless rooms, fully restored to their original splendour." Some £1.64 million was

awarded to the Silver Studio Collection at the Museum of Domestic Architecture and Design in Barnet. The collection, started in 1880, boasts 40,000 wallpaper and textile designs from the 1880s to 1960s, but all are housed in unsuitable conditions. The grant will support the build-

ing of a new museum. The Victoria & Albert Museum expressed disappointment that its application was turned down. It was seeking £23 million towards the £31 mil-15 British galleries, the core collection featuring masters from Pugin to Mackintosh.

Alan Borg, its director, said: "To open in 2001, we needed to start clearing the galleries and dismantling the historic rooms from this summer. That's not going to be possible now." The gallery has, however, been told that it can submit a further application

## on the Tate's 2001 space odyssey

HUNDREDS of little-seen works by British artists will be brought out of storage under a £31 million programme to improve display space at the Tate Gallery, with the help of the Heritage

Lottery Fund (Marcus Binney writes). Nicholas Serota, the director, said yesterday that the new galleries would open in 2001. The opportunity has arisen cause vast collections of modern art will be journeying to the newly convert-ed Bankside power station on the South

Mr Serota said: "We are re-dedicating our Millbank building to the original purpose of its founder, Sir Henry Tate. as the national gallery of British art. The

Bank in 2000.

### THE TATE GALLERY

Making way for something bigger: the classical-style Gallery Four will be destroyed to create higher walls

British art comes back into orbit

new galleries will allow us to display 700 to 800 British paintings compared with the current 500 out of a total holding of 3,000. Rotation will allow still more to be seen." They include works by Hogarth. Gainsborough. Stubbs. Blake, Constable, the pre-Raphaelites, Sickert, Bacon

and Moore.

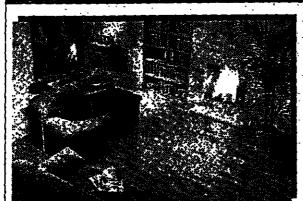
The funding is being helped by an £18.75 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and an anonymous American donation of £7 million. Although the Tate appears to fill its island site, lower galleries have been closed around a

Alexander Nairu, the project director, said: "The new funds will enable us to make a much-needed entrance in the flank of the Tate, to begin opening the whole of the lower level. New galleries here will have ceiling beights of 14 feet, which are critical to the display of

important British paintings." The scheme means destroying Gallery Four, erected in 1926 by Sir Joseph Duveen, John Miller, the architect, said: 'It has charm, but it's not good for hanging pictures. English Heritage has agreed it can go."

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## Second chance for The Third Man

FILM AND TELEVISION ARCHIVE

HUNDREDS of thousands of historic films, newsreels and documentaries will be saved for posterity following an award of almost £14 million to the British Film Institute. The BFI's collection includes original prints of classics ranging from the 1949 movie The Third Man, starring Orson Welles, the children's

television series The Magic Roundabout and Ealing films

such as The Titfield Thunder

bolt (1952).

The archive, housed at three sites, holds more than 300,000 titles, dating from 1895 to the enable work to be carried out on five million feet of film a year from a vast backlog of uncatalogued material, much of which is unstable nitratebased stock and requires ur-



Playing a part Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney

## £5m grant kickstarts national soccer tribute

THE FOOTBALL MUSEUM

A NEW national football museum, housing memorabilia daring back to the 16th century, received £5.6 million towards its total cost of E7 million.

The museum will be housed at the ground of Preston North End, one of the 12 founder members of the Football League, and will aim to work with all clubs to stage permament and special exhi-

bitions. A hoard of memorabilia which is currently owned by FIFA, including items which belonged to legends of the game such as Sir Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney and Sir Bobby Charlton, will form the core of the collection.

"We eventually want to become a world class museum." said Bryan Gray, chairman of Preston North End and one of the museum's trustees.

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## MoD plans a better deal to keep young soldiers

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW pay and career struc-ture for the three Armed Forces, including a fairer deal for single servicemen and women, was announced by the Ministry of Defence

yesterday.

A blueprint for the next 25 years was detailed in a report. The Armed Forces of the Future. a Personnel Strategy, which promised improved allowances to compensate for increased family separation caused by the rise in operational tours since the end of the Cold War.

Unmarried personnel will benefit from the same allowances as married counterparts. Separation allowances were supposed to compensate married people for being away from home but, under the new scheme, the idea is to pay extra to anyone, married or single. who is detached from base.

MoD sources said the new allowance system was aimed at providing extra financial incentive for young recruits to stay in the services after their initial three-year term. The document took two

years to compile and was the MoD's response to a report delivered in March 1995 after an independent review of the Armed Forces' manpower, career and remuneration structures, headed by Sir Michael Bett, a former deputy chairman of British Telecom.

Sir Michael proposed a much more radical approach, recommending performancerelated pay and a streamlined rank structure, more in keeping with private-sector management, which would have many senior ranks. The ministry has rejected performance-related pay as impractical and decided to only tinker with the rank structure, aware that ranks, like the Army's regimental

None of the Army's officer ranks are to be touched, except for the abolition of the five-star appointment of field marshal for the top military post of chief of the defence staff. The equivalent rank in the other two services, admiral of the fleet and marshal of the Royal Air Force, have also been



Guthrie: to be first fourstar services chief

abolished. This had already been announced and the next chief of the defence staff, General Sir Charles Guthrie, will remain a four-star general when he takes over in April, although at a higher salary. in the Royal Navy, minor changes will include merging ordinary seaman and able seaman. In the RAF, acting

pilot officer and pilot officer

sources insisted that while radical recommendations, out of 151 made by Sir Michael, had been rejected, the ministry had taken on board his proposais for a new culture in pay

One of the most sensitive issues in the Bett review covered allowances, which involve everything from boarding school payments to moving house. The MoD has decided to keep all the allowthey are simpler to administer and fairer to all.

There is to be a Longer Separated Service Allowance for those sent overseas, single and married, paid once an individual has served three years. This will increase the longer the separation and will also be paid to soldiers serving in Northern Ireland. The resident battalions in Ulster will get a special supplement.

For those based in the United Kingdom who are training or on a job away from home, there is to be a tax-free monthly "get you home" al-lowance. Sir Michael recommended that free rail warrants



The MoD will not take up recommendations to abolish extra payments for activities such as parachuting

be scrapped for everyone over 18 but the ministry decided that would be unpopular with the more junior ranks and they will remain for everyone in their first three years. Boarding school allowance

will remain, as recommended by Sir Michael, but will be simplified to ensure it benefits only personnel who are genu-inely required to serve over-

seas. Although job evaluation already exists at some levels, this is to be introduced across the board, with extra being paid to those with better qualifications and greater experience.

Although the introduction of pay ranges will allow greater flexibility within the different rank levels, the MoD has rejected Sir Michael's recom-

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because the MoD will have to mendation to abolish the existbuy computers to cope with ing additional payments given to specialists. There is a range of extra pay awarded to those involved in areas such as flying, diving, submarines, parachuting, special forces and Gurkha language. Sir Michael wanted these to be

The new pay system will not

pay. The intention is to set up an Armed Forces Personnel absorbed into normal salary.

Administration Agency to handle the new scheme. MoD sources said the changes would not cost more, nor would they make any

Army thins home ranks to boost rapid strike force

THE Army is to boost the size of The Parachute Regiment to improve the capability of Airborne Brigade, one of Britain's principal rapid de-ployment forces for overseas

At the same time, infantry battalions involved in the de-fence of the United Kingdom are to be reduced in size, reflecting a revised military doctrine that places more emphașis on British interests

abroad than home defence. Changes to the Army's state of readiness, announced yes-terday by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, are expectyear. The aim is to recruit an additional 60 soldiers for each of the two parachute battalions, which will increase their strength to 710 per battalion.

The Pathfinders, 5 Airborne Brigade's reconnaissance platoon which existed on only an ad hoc basis in the past, will from April I have its own dedicated manpower of 40 soldiers and equipment.

Mr Portilio said the balance of investment in the Army would shift towards the units required to be at higher operational readiness for overseas missions. Two of the three regiments equipped with the multiple-launch rocket system (MLRS), proven in the Gulf War but undermanned, are also to be given an extra 100 soldiers each to ensure they are fully ready to deploy without reinforcements.

The 12 national defence battalions based in the United Kingdom will each lose 20 posts, bringing battalion es-tablishment levels down to 605. The battalions are already undermanned because of the Army-wide shortfall of 5,000 recruits. There will be no reductions in Northern Ire-

Other measures are being taken to reduce the readiness status of different units. The overall establishment of the Army will thus be reduced by about 600 -soldiers. The changes will come into effect in 2000 to allow for a recruiting drive by the Parachute

Regiment The Territorial Army's current strength of 57,000 soldiers will be reduced to 54,000. although the establishment figure — the level that would be needed in wartime - will remain at 59,000.





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## Legal hitch threatens Imola trial with collapse

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN IMOLA

the death of the Brazilian motor racing champion Ayrton Senna was threatened with collapse the moment it opened yesterday when a lawyer for an accused member of the Williams Formula One team claimed the prosecution had "scandalously" failed to observe legal procedures.

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The opening of the trial caused uproar in the motor world, with Niki Lauda, the former world champion, describing it as

stupid and cynical.

Professor Luigi Stortoni, representing Adrian Newey, the Williams team chief designer, told a stunned courtroom that Mr Newey had never been told he was under investigation — as required by Italian law — and had been questioned five months after Senna's death during the San Marino Grand Prix in May 1994 "as a witness, not as a suspect, without the presence

of a lawyer". Mr Newey's evidence was therefore inadmissable and the charges against him should be dropped.

Lawyers representing Mr Williams and Patrick Head. his technical director, said that if the judge threw out the charges against Mr Newey the whole case against both the Williams team and Imola track directors could crumble.



Senna: steering column blamed for his death

THE trial of Frank Williams - "Mr Newey gave evidence on on manslaughter charges over the re-welded steering wheel." which the prosecution says was the cause of Senna's death," Oreste Dominioni, Mr Williams's Italian lawyer, told the court. "If his evidence is withdrawn, the whole of the 500-page technical report is

compromised."
Maurizio Passarini, the Bologna public prosecutor, says the modified steering wheel snapped and a supporting strut pierced Senna's helmet, killing him instantly.

Peter Goodman, a British awyer observing the trial on Mr Williams's behalf, agreed that the prosecution case was in jeopardy. Roberto Causo, who represents Roland Bruyn-seraede of Belgium, the international track director at the time of the crash, told the court that Signor Passarini had also failed to tell Mr Bruynseraede that he was a suspect and might be charged.
Professor Stortini, who

teaches criminal law at Bologna University and had prepared his hour-long intervention with forensic precision, said Mr Newey had not been on any list of suspects after the fatal crash:

He had been questioned in September 1994, "but only as a witness, which is proof he was not being accused of anything". The year 1995 passed "serenely", until in May 1996 Mr Newey was "placed under suspicion".

"Yet incredibly, and gravely, he was not notified," Professor Stortoni said. Antonio Costanzo, the pre-

siding magistrate, said he would rule on whether the case against Mr Newey was null and void when the hearings resume in a week's time.

None of the Williams team attended yesterday's hearing. Mr Goodman said Mr Williams "might appear" at a later hearing next month when Signor Passarini presents his case. Damon Hill. the reigning champion, was among 44 witnesses named



Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, accompanied by Metropolitan Kitill, admires a decorative ceiling at the residence of Patriarch Aleksi II of Moscow and All Russia, whom she met yesterday during her visit to Moscow

## EU 'mad cow' censure fails

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

A BIG majority of the European Parliament yesterday rejected a move to force the immediate dismissal of the European Commission for alleged mismanagement of the

mad cow epidemic. The vote of censure, which was backed by 118 of the 626 members, had been called by a minority of groups of the Left and Right to punish the Commission for its alleged failure to tackle the "mad cow" disease since its outbreak in Britain in the mid-1980s.

The 118, who included

French and Belgian Socialists, argued that a "conditional" censure, passed by the Parlia-ment on Wednesday, was an inadequate sanction against the Commission

In Wednesday's vote, anoverwhelming majority of the Parliament backed a move to put Jacques Santer, the President, on notice that failure to reform the Commission's management of BSE would result in a full-scale censure motion next November.

There had been no prospect that the required analogity would back yesterday's rea-sure but the support of more than one in six MEPs for such

drastic action was a measure of the deep public displeasure in Europe over the Commis-

Many argued that the real 'culprit" in the BSE crisis was British Government, which was condemned in harsh terms in Wednesday's

sion's role in the epidemic.

## Love-letters show US defies submissive side of feminist icon

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A COLLECTION of letters written by Simone de Beauvoir to her American lover has revealed an unexpectedly childish and old-fashioned side to the great French intel-lectual and feminist, who even referred to herself as an obedient Arab wife".

In one of her letters to the Chicago novelist Nelson Algren, published for the first time this week, de Beauvoir wrote. "I will be wise, I will do the washing up, I will sweep the floor. I will buy the eggs and rum cakes myself. I will not touch your hair. your cheeks, your shoulder without

If Jean-Paul Sartre was the intellectual love of de Beau-voir's life, then Algren was her consuming passion and the 304 heart-felt letters she wrote to him over 17 years often seem a far cry from the accepted image of the highpriestess of France's postwar intelligentsia and author of The Second Sex.

The French intellectual and the American novelist met and fell in love in Chicago in 1947 and were separated by the Atlantic for most of their relationship.

"Is this really the advocate of equality of desires who asserts that their forced chastity affected him more than r?" wondered Mona Ozouf in Le Nouvel Observateur magazine. "Readers will rub their eyes, astonished to find in this missionary of liberty

an 'obedient Arab wife'." A brilliant, revolutionary thinker, de Beauvoir's nearmythical reputation in France has recently suffered from revelations about her sometimes hard-hearted approach to those who came under her spell. However, the letters to Algren suggest a quite different aspect to her character. De Beauvoir, who died in

1985, told Algren: "Love frightens me; it makes me rather silly". Her taste for petnames - calling herself a

"little loving Frog" and addressing Algren as "beloved Crocodile" or "the Brute from nowhere" - is at odds with the austere thinker often

known as "Aunt Simone". De Beauvoir separated her love affairs into the "essential" (Sartre) and the "contingent" (everyone else). However, she clung to Algren as her "distant husband", "faraway love" and "beloved spouse"." i am your woman forever, she insisted.

Translated into French by Sylvie Le Bon-de Beauvoir. the writer's adopted daughter. the original letters, written in English are preserved at Ohio State University in Columbus. These translations back into English are therefore approximate.

An adventurer and former hobo whose novels, including A Walk on the Wild Side, depicted the grim Chicago underworld, Algren was equally besotted with de Beauvoir, but could never come to terms with Sartre's unconventional and pre-eminent place in her life.

The love affair came to a stormy end in 1965, when de Beauvoir evoked their rela-tionship in her memoirs, Force of Circumstance. to Algren's fury. He died in 1981 after threatening to publish her letters to him.



De Beauvoir, letters of

## trade forum on Cuba

FROM TOM REIODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States openly challenged the World Trade Organisation yesterday, saying that the body was not fit to arbitrate in the dispute between Europe and America over foreign investment in

Cuba. Threatening to boycont a WTO panel set up in Geneva yesterday to settle the trade row, a senior US official said his Government would re solve its differences with the European Union through diplomatic channels.

Swart Eizenstat, the Undersecretary of Commerce, said there had been "good progress" in talks with Sir Leon Brittan, the EU Trade Commissioner. If no agreement was reached, however. he said the WTO's directorgeneral would be advised of America's refusal to be present

at any adjudication.
"We will make it clear that the panel established today has no competence to proceed because this is a matter of US national security and foreign

policy," said Mr Eizenstat.
"The WIO is not an approoriate forum for resolving differences over what is essentially a disagreement over

foreign policy. Under the terms of the Helms-Burton law, signed by President Clinton last March US sanctions against Fidel Castro's regime preclude investment by foreign companies in Cuba.

Mr Clinton has so far employed a six-month waiver to delay the most controversial element of the legislation. allowing any American whose property was confiscated after the Cuban revolution in 1959 to sue foreign corporations

The EU, which had asked for intervention by the WTO. says the legislation defies accepted international law by trying to impose policies bevond America.

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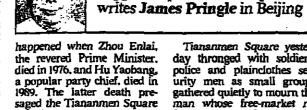
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## Stability the goal as leaders move to restrain grief

WITH flags flying at half-mast in Tiananmen Square. China yesterday entered the post-Deng Xiaoping era.

For China's new leaders, it will be a testing period as -however much it might have been anticipated - it carries them and this nation of 1.2 billion people into uncharted and potentially hazardous

Diplomats say the leader-ship's first task is to ensure that any outpouring of grief is not transformed into some-



pro-democracy protests crushed on June 4, 1989.

## Transplant decree may spur donors

DENG XIAOPING decreed that transplant surgeons of his body that might be of use to somebody else.

The main value of his wish will lie in encouraging other. younger people to make similar provision. There is always a shortage of donor organs. and lives are lost for want of

At 92, and after a very long illness, it is most unlikely that his heart, lungs, liver or arteries will be of value. Dr Nikolai Naoumov of the Institute of Hepatology at Uni-versity College Hospital, London, said liver donorship was limited to those under 70. although very occasionally someone a year or two older might be considered.

It is possible Mr Deng's cornea might be useful. It is intriguing to think that the paramount leader of China's eyes might continue to view the world long after his death.

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Tiananmen Square yester day thronged with soldiers, police and plainclothes security men as small groups gathered quietly to mourn the man whose free-market reforms have made China an

Deng's successors face a testing

time as the death of leaders has

triggered upheaval in the past,

emerging superpower. No single Chinese leader is strong enough to run China on his own, although President Jiang Zemin, Mr Deng's chosen successor, is called the chosen successor, is called the core of the third generation leadership, after Chairman Mao and Mr Deng.

"For the time being, the

chief aim is stability to ensure the Communist Party stays in power and does not go the way of the Soviet Union," said one diplomat here. "For that, they all need one another."

It is probably to enable the party to maintain complete control that the funeral services are to be so low key. Ordinary Chinese have little opportunity to mourn Mr eng, who transformed their lives in a system that now prizes stability above all. No foreign heads of state



A People's Liberation Army soldier salutes towards a flag flying at half-mast in Deng Xiaoping's honour at Beijing's Tiananmen Square yesterday

will attend the final rites though this is the norm in Communist China - and foreign correspondents will not be able to report on events first hand. According to the large funeral committee, which is headed by Mr Jiang and contains all the members

of the 18-man Politburo, there will be what is called a "mammoth" memorial service on Tuesday - the last of a sixday mourning period - at-tended by 10,000 handpicked party cadres, military men and bureaucrats in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

However, there has been no announcement of a lying in-state and no indication that ordinary Chinese will be able to pay their last respects to Mr Deng when his body is conveyed to the Babaoshan Revolutionary Heroes Cemetery in west Beijing for cremation.

According to Mr Deng's will and his family's suggestions, no ceremony for paying last respects to his remains will be

trains, ships, warships and in factories will be blown for three minutes in mourning at

memorial ceremony begins. Some wreaths were laid outside Mr Deng's home in a narrow, rather humble lane north of the Forbidden City where portraits of the late leader, a crusty Sichuanese, were displayed in windows.

10am on Tuesday when the

## Sorrow but few tears for man who extinguished hope of democracy

TIANANMEN Square, where yesterday a giant banner read "Dear Deng Xiaoping, You Are Immortal", is a metaphor for the life of the Chinese leader.
On the wall of the Revolu-

tionary Museum, the digital clock showed that 130 days remain before the return of Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule at midnight on June 30 under the formula devised by Mr Deng: "One country, two systems." The diminutive leader thus die 131 days from his goal.

"Deng Xiaoping so much wanted to live to see that day and it is so sad," said Miss Tian, 25, who works for a foreign company.

The sentiment on Hong Kong, showing how much the issue is in the Chinese consciousness, was echoed in nearly every one of 30 random interviews with Chinese at Tianammen Square and on a husiness street.

Tiananmen Square is the scene of Mr Deng's greatest tragedy, the shooting down of



Deng: sent troops in to crush dissent in 1989

unarmed student demonstrators in the violent suppression of the protest on June 4, 1989. after Mr Deng had called out the troops.

The square, where little groups of Chinese people gathered to mourn quietly but few to weep, was full yester-day of uniformed and plainclothes security men, but most

MrDeng's economic reforms have not been matched

with political liberalisation. In the past year Jiang Zemin. Mr Deng's chosen successor and party chief, has clamped down even further on political activity, so that most human rights activists are in jail. abour camps, exile or have given up the struggle.

One man, a visitor from Lanzhou, said: "As to the Tiananmen incident, this was a matter for regret." The common answer was "I am young woman, from Harbin in southwest China, Mr Deng not very clear on that"—the in northeast China, spake out led the Chinase response to a freely, when sure she was not Tibet in 1939. Beijing formally tricky political question

Although most people seemed sad, there was none of the outpouring of grief that accompanied the deaths of Chairman Mao or the revered Prime Minister, Zhou Enlai, possibly because, as one man on the square explained, "the Chinese have had so many shocks over the years they are more mature now". The most common assessment of Mr

Deng and his life was "he was

hai keyi (OK)", and in Chi-

pretty much of a compliment In the kind of Orwellian note that is becoming more prevalent again, many repeated, almost word for word, the party line: "Mao created the new China while Deng made. great contributions to build-

On the square, police moved in to listen to conversations and generally to intimi-date Chinese talking to foreigners; some were intimidated and moved away, but others were not. Only one

ing up the new China."

"In 1989 young people really wanted China to go the right way, to get rid of bureaucracy and corruption. but some people took advan-tage of the students' movement. Now the leadership under Jiang is more conserva-tive, and it is afraid of luan (disorder). Because of that Chinese people will have no opportunity to change the Government. Ordinary people have no power."

## Tibet looks for end to brutal era

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THE death of Deng Xiaoping could mean a new era for Tibet, the Dalai Lama's spokesman said yesterday.

We hope that since he was responsible for repression in Tibet, his era has come to a close," said Tempa Tsering. the spokesman for the Tibetan government in exile led by the Dalai Lama in the northern Indian town of Dharamsala.

As the military commander took over Tibet in 1951, claiming that it was historically a

Mr Tsering said Mr Deng's economic reforms had helped the Chinese people, but only hurt Tibetans. "Instead of bringing more benefits, it just brought more Chinese into Tibet," he said.

Tibetans accuse Beijing of settling 7.5 million ethnic Chinese in Tibet, overwhelming the indigenous Tibetan population of six million.

## Collective leadership must 'hang together' to survive

### Beijing: President Jiang

Zemin, right. 70. is head the "core" as it is called in the Chinese capital — of a collective leadership that knows it has to "hang together" to survive, rather than disappear with the death of Deng Xiaoping in the manner of the Soviet Union's former leaders (James Pringle

Yang Shangkun, 89: A for-

mer military chief who is

ambinous. Once President.

Mr Deng pushed him into

retirement for displaying his ambition too openly.

writes). Mr Jiang does not enjoy the prestige or respect that was awarded to the paramount leader, and lacks his charisma and authority. .

Among China's other top leaders around the new President, now co-operating with him but all potential players in a power struggle, are:



Li Peng. 68: China's most unpopular lender, disliked for his role in the suppression of pro-democracy nanmen Square in 1989.



security chief has files on everyone, Sometimes seen as a contender for power, but age counts against him.



Peng Zhen, 95: A veteran Communist hardliner and former Mayor of Beijing who was purged by Mao. A vociferous fighter against Western influences.

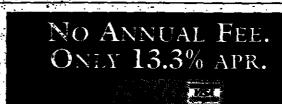




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Zhao Ziyang, 76: Retired one-time Deng heir-appar-1987. Appeared sympathetic to Tiananmen students.



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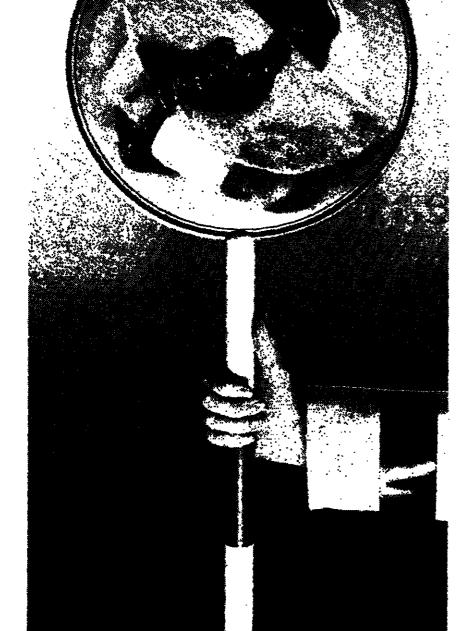
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## Mixed portents glimpsed for life after Deng

ust before a Chinese emperor died, strange ani-mals were said to appear and freak rains to fall.

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Soon after Chairman Mao's death in 1976 one of the worst earthquakes in China's modern times wrecked the city of Tangshan, and since none of Mao's Gang of Four rushed to the devastated city it appeared to many Chinese that they were ignoring an omen.

Two weeks ago, when a British tourist was crushed to death by a runaway float in Hong Kong's annual Chinese new year parade, a Commu-nist official in Beijing's de facto embassy here promptly issued a statement that, unfortunate though the event was, it was not a bad omen for the

The death-watch over Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, was so protracted that the most recent auguries - senior officials returning to Beijing and the closing of his private office — were discounted because there had been so

many already.

Now that Mr Deng has died, new auguries are being sought, not of turtles with three heads and three-legged sheep, but of political and social upheaval. For China-watchers, wrenched from their sleep on the night of Mr Deng's death by anxious editors, the question was rarely "What kind of a man was

Deng?".
What everyone wanted to know, and this question says much about the continuities in Mao's and Mr Deng's China, was: "How bad is it going to be?" Will there be a leadership struggle and will it be bloody? Will China fall apart; will that be bloody? How about the army; will it remain loyal? Will the Tibetans, Muslims, and other ethnic minorities revolt? Are students going to

take to the streets? On the international scene, can we expect a return to xenophobia, militant national-



Mao: huge earthquake followed his death



Jonathan Mirsky, East Asia Editor, reports that Deng Xiaoping's death has prompted feverish questioning, but little interest in the man

mean for the handover of Hong Kong? Will Beijing in-crease its already significant pressure on the political and

Among the dozens of interviews and many obituaries, how many described Deng the Man — his habits, hobbies, and quaint little ways, apart from the old chestnuts that he loved bridge, football, pingpong and croissants?

And yet what Mr Deng is supposed to have accomplished is stabilising and en-riching China and bringing it on to the international scene as a nation to be reckoned with. One cannot deny that Mr Deng liberated many Chinese from the Maoist economic strainacket opened the door to the West through which he admitted might fly some annoying insects, and that for most Chinese the midnight knock on the door and long trip to the gulag are night-

mares of the past.
Then why the dark questions, to which only a few have dared reply that everything is going to be all right, because President Jiang Zemin — the man designated as "the core" by Mr Deng weeks after the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests - is already in place and the system is secure.

The reason for the dark questions, and the usu-ally cautious if not gloomy answers, is that the political system remains as Mao made it, but with looser edges. The party controls. Mr Deng was no pragmatist on this truly core matter. He had gone into what would become the party's apparatus as a teenage revolutionary in Paris, he was tempered in the party's fires, survived several purges, endured one of his wives running off with a more senior leader and a son crippled for life during the Cultural Revolution. He actively engaged in too, acting as Mao's right hand during the violent anti-intellectual drives of the late Fifties.

When Mr Deng returned to supreme power two or three years after Mao's death and while he was evolving his economic reforms, he continued to target political and intellectual deviants, ensuring

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ism and, to all foreign critics of ... that the state he had helped to China, the ever-louder re-make would not pass into the hands of others. He disposed and hurting the feelings of the Chinese people."

What will Mr Deng's death mean for the handover of Hong Kong Will Refine in the content of No system for orderly succession was established, and Mr Deng's modest refusal of the greatest offices of state and his refirement masked a drive to

retain control. This surfaced bloodily at the time of the Tiananmen Square protests nearly eight years ago when he said that, without the old Maoists. China might have slipped into "counter-

imilarly, a heavy hand was employed against fractious border regions: Tibet, Xinjiang and, wherever possible, Taiwan and Hong Kong. In the 1982-1984 negotiations over the colony, Mr Deng secured most of what he wanted Margaret of what he wanted Margaret Thatcher to agree before they even began talks. Had he been alert and well.

he would have encouraged the establishment of the present Beijing-appointed parallel Hong Kong government six months before the official takeover; nor would he have opposed the showers of mis-siles into the Taiwan Strait last year when Taipei began organising real elections. Nor would he have objected to the sale of weapons of mass

destruction to rogue nations.

Mr Deng enabled the creation of a China in which human rights are narrowly defined, where there is a diversity of Western-style fashions in dress, entertainment, and manufacture but in which genuine intellectual endeavour, experiment, and argument remain suspect and

subject to close surveillance
Beijing wonders angrily
why its subjects receive no
Nobel prizes, although Chinese living abroad are laureates. What makes a civilisation and a culture meaningful and occasionally great in the modern world is not uncontrolled economic progress but essentially uninhibited creity. Many of China's best ativity and inte artists and thinkers are stunted, under house arrest, or live abroad. Disney World is no substitute for All Souls. China awaits its Order of Merit for the poet or novelist who says. Two cheers for



Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, arrives yesterday at Xinhua News Agency. China's de facto embassy in the colony, to pay his respects to Mr Deng's memory

## Beijing to retain Hong Kong's top civil servants

By Jonathan Mirsky

HONG KONG'S Chief Executive designate, Tung Chee-hwa, returned yesterday from Beijing and announced that China had approved his recommendation that the entire senior Civil Service pass into

the new government on July I.

It had been feared that Donald Tsang, the Financial Secretary and number two in the service, might be removed for having given China a warning not to emasculate

Hong Kong's Bill of Rights.
Mr Tung praised his officials as "highly capable officers who are fully committed to Hong Kong". He made no mention, as he had in the past, of the need for prospective officials to love China and

love Hong Kong". There will be three women in particularly sensitive positin particularly sensitive positions in the next hierarchy: Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary: Elsie Leung, the Justice Secretary, the new title for Attorney-General; and Lily Yam, head of the Commission Against Corruption.

Retaining top civil servants after July 1 is one of the most reassuring signs that Mr Tung could give Hong Kong about continuity after Mr

Deng's death.
Looking solemn and wearing a dark suit and black tie. Mr Tung spoke of the loss of what he referred to as lao xiansheng or "the old gentleman". Mr Deng, he said, had made enormous contributions to the prosperity of his people and his rubric "One China,

Two Systems" would also guarantee stability and pros-

perity in Hong Kong. Mr Tung said he had been awakened early yesterday to be told of Mr Deng's death and was invited to join the 450member funeral committee. He will attend Mr Deng's

funeral next Tuesday. Martin Lee, chairman of the Democrats, the Hong Kong electorate's favoured party scorned by Beijing, said that Mr Deng's death might en-able the Chinese leadership to "not implement their recent decisions, which are very unpopular with the people of Hong Hong". These include attacks on the Bill of Rights and the establishment of the appointed Provisional Legislative Council.

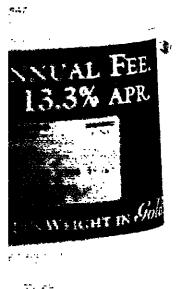
Mr Lee, who has been condemned by Mr Tung for criticising Hong Kong on a European tour during which he has attacked Beijing's encroachment on the legal sys-tem, said: "If the Chinese leadership feels insecure about their position, they may adopt an even harder line. But I hope they will do something positive for Hong Kong before it's too late."

In an article published here yesterday. Mr Lee said that Mr Deng had "opened a genie's bottle of freedom that whoever succeeds him will find difficult to plug".

To the surprise of brokers.

Hong Kong stocks rose, al-though markets fell in China and Taiwan.





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## Veteran Democrat LEARN, TEACH presses for inquiry AND SERVE THE NATION into poll donations

DANIEL MOYNIHAN, the veteran Democrat senator and keeper of his party's conscience, turned against President Clinton yesterday and demanded an immediate independent investigation of illegal campaign funds.

The call for Janet Reno. the Attorney-General, to appoint an independent counsel to investigate alleged fundraising abuses came as the White House faced new questions over a Latin American connection linked to Asian

Mr Moynihan, who was also the first Democratic senator to have urged the appointment of a special Whitewater counsel in 1994, said the suggestion of foreign involvement in American policy needed to be resolved.

The Justice Department has pressure to nominate such a prosecutor to examine foreign contributions alleged to have

poured into Democratic cofiers during Mr Clinton's reelection campaign. Under federal election law, it is an offence for foreign citizens to contribute to either an American party or individual.
Although Mr Moynihan

said the inquiry should look into Republican donations, he conceded that Democratic abuses last year appeared to be without precedent. "It's the foreign involvement," he said. "An independent counsel is needed now.

Referring to a White House meeting last year attended by a Chinese weapons dealer, he said it was ridiculous to claim that "everyone has Chinese arms merchants to lunch,

Although the departure of Kenneth Starr from the Whitewater investigation has done little to enhance the stature of special prosecutors in the United States, Mr. Movnihan's words are certain

to resonate with liberal Democrats and place greater pressure on Ms Reno to respond.

It emerged yesterday that an Asian businessman from Miami, Mark Jimenez, twice met the National Security Council's top Latin American specialist last April to ask for Mr Clinton's support in averting a military coup in Para-guay. Mr Clinton later telephoned Juan Carlos Wasmosy, the Paraguayan President, and allowed him to stay in the US Embassy until he could safely return to the palace in Asunción.

The Wall Street Journal said that Señor Jimenez, on the second occasion accompanied by Paraguay's Ambassa-dor to the United States, paid \$100,000 (£62,500) to the Democratic National Committee on the day an unsuccessful coup attempt began. The White House denied the visits had any bearing on the deci-sion to back Senor Wasmosy.



President Mandela sits with his female companion, Graca Machel. left, at a function in Soweto yester day, apparently oblivious of his former wife, Winnie, right. It was the first time all three had been seen at the same public function. But if there was any discomfort, all hid it well.

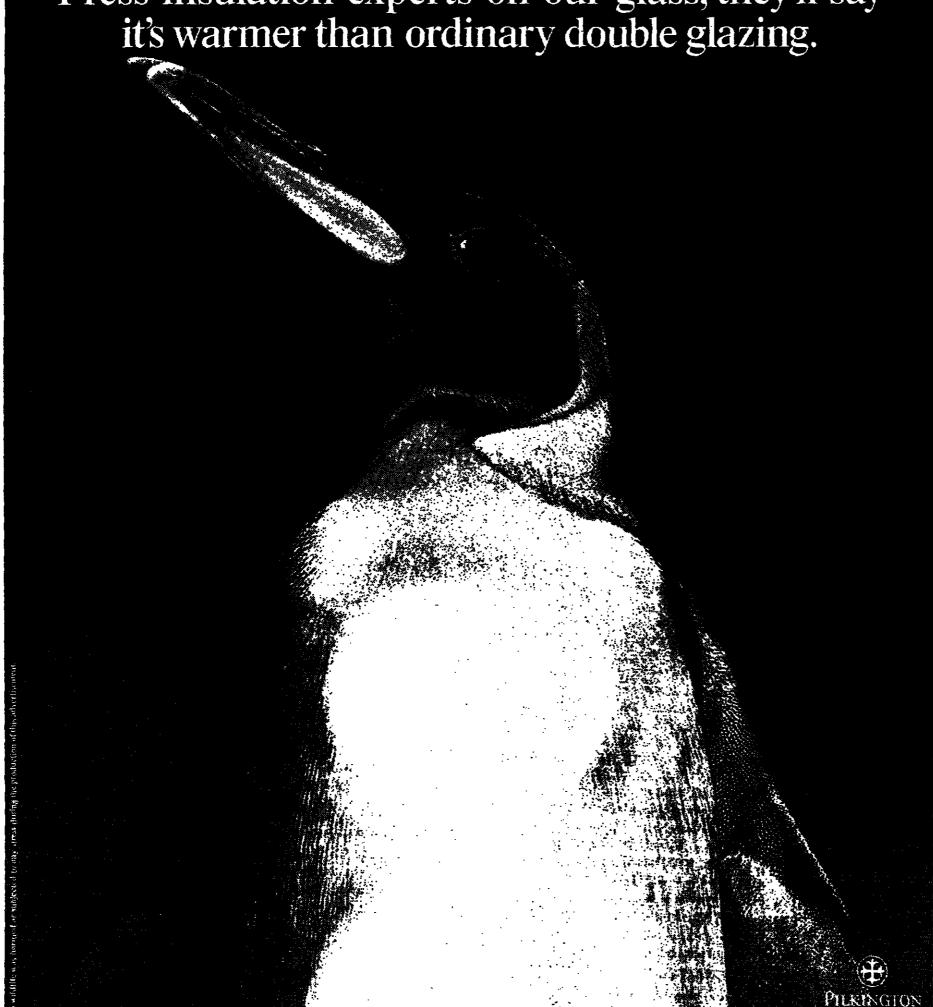
## Mandela's loves share podium

ceremony launching Mr Mandela's "culture of learning"

(Our Foreign Staff writes). Winnie Madikizela-Mandela arrived late and walked to an open seat. She and Mr Mandela did not speak and hardly looked in each other's direc-

nounced a shake-up of his National Party. Roelf Meyer, the former Secretary-General, was appointed to head a team comprising two blacks, two whites and a Coloured to prepare a challenge to the ANC at

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## **US drugs** war is left in disarray

FROM LAN BRODIE

AMERICA'S war on drugs along its southern border was in disarray yesterday after the arrest of Mexico's senior antidrug official on charges of taking bribes from his coun-

try's biggest cocaine cartel. Washington officials were last night assessing the damage allegedly caused by General Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, who was privy to secret information about American antinarcotics operations.

The assessments were similar to those made in espionage cases after a "mole" has been unearthed. Of particular concern was the fate of drug informants working for the assumed, that the Mexico's drug-lighting operations had all been blown.

Washington indefinitely delayed today's scheduled publication of a joint US-Mexico white paper analysing the threat of drug trafficking. President Clinton has to decide by Thursday whether to certify Mexico as a trustworthy partner in anti-nancot

ics operations.
Mr Clinton said yesterday that the general's alleged cor-ruption was "deeply troubling", but the prompt way it had been dealt with by Mexico was encouraging.

## Wives club 'smuggled in heroin'

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A GROUP of God-fearing. fragrantly perfumed New York housewives allegedly carried large quantities of cocaine and heroin across American and European

American federal investiga tors charged five women with drug-running and suspect that a further ten may have taken part in a suspected smuggling triangle. They al-legedly flew from the United States to South America to pick up cocaine, delivered it to Burope and picked up heroin for the return trip.

According to agents of the US. Drug Enforcement Adwemen, who, were allegedly gaid; \$10,000. (£6,200) per round trip, took advantage of their imageent looks to swan through Customs. If the DEA is to be believed, they were highly paid drug "mules".

Typical of the suspects was Lavonda Goree, 24, a parttime legal clerk whose Long Island neighbours described her as a churchgoing mother of three. All five women already arrested met at a Long Island social club.

Investigators believe that the alleged drug ring was started by former US Navy sailors who set up the operation six years ago in Italy.



## , Australian leader learns he has convict ancestor

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

IT IS the sort of ancestral record that Paul Keating, the former Australian Prime Minister, would almost have killed — a forebear who was shipped out from Britain on a minor theft charge.

But sadly for the ex-Labor Party leader, who was never able to boast a convict ancestry to boister his republican sentiments, his successor. John Howard, almost certain-

Surprisingly for a man of sound conservative stock, Mr. Howard, it appears, has something of a skeleton in his cupboard. Records unearthed by the Church of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, show that his maternal great-grandfather, Thomas - alias William - Barker, was shipped here on a prison ship in 1835 on a charge of thievery.

Barker, a shoemaker's boy, was 14 when convicted for robbing a dwelling house of clothes". Although he was lame and had no prior convic-



of a convict forebear

tions, he was sentenced at London's Old Bailey to both transportation and a sevenyear penal term.

The Liberal Prime Minister's secret came to light when Mormons presented him with well-documented family history as a surprise gift. Although the Prime Minister's comment, it has become almost fashionable in Australia



Keating: cannot claim a fashionable" past

ancestry these days. Anthea Hislop, a lecturer at the Australian National University. said: There is a certain cachet among history students about having a convict forebear." It was very different in the

last century when families would do all in their power to hide their convict past, known as the "stain". Britain introduced transportation to Australia to ease the pressure on its overcrowded prisons in the

18th and early 19th centuries. The 1776 Revolution prevented the American colonies from ground. Twelve years later. when the First Fleet arrived in Australia, a penal colony was founded in Sydney. The first convicts - 757 adults and 13 hildren — sailed into Botany

Bay in January 1788. Eighty years later, on January 10, 1868, the last British convicts disembarked in Fremantle, Western Australia. More than 150,000 people had been shipped "down under", although they were not described as convicts but "government men". They paid their debt by working for the Government as builders and labourers. Lucky ones were given a conditional pardon. which meant they were free men on condition they did not return to their homeland. Now, 162 years after Thomas Barker arrived in Australia, his great-great-grandchild is

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## Genealogists find profit in fad for criminal descent

AS AUSTRALIA has come to terms with its partly criminal ancestry, tracing a family tree has become an increasingly

"Dead persons societies", devoted to finding ancestors, attract hundreds of members in all the major towns, and there is a burgeoning market for family research as fashionconscious Aussies try to unearth a thieving great

grandparent. More than 50 genealogists work full time, charging a minimum fee of A\$25 (£12) an hour for the most cursory of searches. The best, such as Janet Reakes, director of the Australian Immigration and Family History Centre in Hervey Bay, Queensland, can

Lists of many of the 160,000 convicts who arrived at Australia's penal colonies be-tween 1788 and 1868 are published on the internet in the Australian Family History Compendium, and some of their family details are also available - at a price. If you rant to find out whether the Mr Harris of Chelsea who was transported to Victoria in 1860 was Roli's great-grandfa-ther, or whether the Mr Foster convicted in Kent in 1800 is an ancestor of the famous brewing family, you will have to pay at least A\$40 to find out. As for Mark Taylor, The Australian cricket captain, the

search could prove very ex-pensive indeed, as three Taylors are listed as arriving on

the same boat in 1848. To encourage would be re searchers to part with their cash, the genealogists have published potted histories of some of their more colourful pieces of reseach. The Cosgrove family, for example, was descended from a soldier posted to Wollongong, New South Wales, and the daughand produced a clan of touring actors and impresarios in the 19th century and a war hero who was killed fighting

the Japanese in 1943. Graham Jaumay, a professional genealogist from Adelaide, said tracing a convict ancestor had only recently become fashionable.

"In the century following the discontinuation of transportation, ex-convicts and their families went to considerable lengths to hide their past," he said. "There were many cases where even close family members were unaware of their relatives' pasts, are still families who refuse to believe they are descended from convicts.

John Howard, the Prime Minister, is far from being the only man of alleged convict stock to do well for himself, according to Mr Jaunay. "Many convicts rose to prominent positions," he said.

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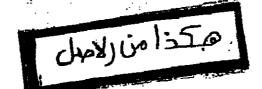
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Nick Ross on leaving his phone-in after ten years as the voice of reason and social conscience at the BBC

t will be Hamlet without the prince, but after ten years. Call Nick Ross is to lose Nick Ross, the nice, slight young man with the voice of reason and the pale eyelashes and the face though 50 this year — unravaged by time. It was a particularly good

CNR (as he calls it) on Tuesday, on the Daily Mail's "Murderers" front page. Abet-ted by Geoffrey Robertson. QC. Ross challenged listeners as usual: Was this a proper way to deal with justice? Did we want the press to take over where courts have failed? Had we been involved, or scandalised? Call him. You might have expected Radio 4 listeners to chorus applause for the Mail - but unpredictability is the keynote of CNR.

contemptible record of whipping up racism") and so did a

lawyer acting for one of the five defendants. Ross raised the Colin Stagg case, the videotape kept from the jury. Police officers rang to say how commonplace is the wall of silence, when people are afraid to come forward. Two lawyers said what happens in court is a game: who puts on the best show wins. Sound, authoritative stuff. No bores.

When they first offered Tuesday Call (as it then was) Ross hesitated, "I always hated phone-ins that invited illinformed bigotry from the loudest mouths. I was determined to know enough to make sure we didn't just peddle garbage and reinforce prejudice." Prisoners ring from prison; Cabinet ministers are confronted by people who know more than they do. sonal experience.



Ringing off: Nick Ross says it has been a privilege to broadcast to the Radio 4 audience - but he can understand why, for the Controller, they are such an irritating bunch

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

him was "a surreal conversation, mesmeric and chilling\* after Hungerford, with a caller who said he understood Michael Ryan's state of mind: he. too, was a potential Ryan. onal experience. his permission first before must see if there is anything at speech day. It was The most memorable for alerting the police. The most we can do to help." His Wallington County Grammar

mother was appointed OBE memorable for me was Sandra Sullivan in 1994, whose last year for setting up a youth daughter had been murdered counselling service in Surrey. by an inmate while doing His Berlin-born paternal grandfather. Felix Rosen a volunteer work in a care hostel Mrs Sullivan totally silenced Ross with her impas-sioned plea for justice for victims. He rang her afterclose friend of David Ben-Gurion, came to England in the 1920s as the representative of Zionism. "He was a signatowards, too, and urged her on ry to Israel's declaration of independence and Liberal with her campaign. What you said has needed saying for 300 Minister of Justice, who would years. Don't take the pressure roll in his grave at what has off." Clearly he does not switch become of Israel now." Father was a personnel director for Mullards, the off with the phone line. He

remains involved. electrical components people, Ross's social conscience was so they were the first family in inbred: both his parents were marriage guidance counselthe neighbourhood to have a lors, so the three children were television: in 1953 the entire population of Woodcote Road told sad tales of children in unhappy families. Both parcongregated chez Ross for the ents got into local LibDem politics. "They had the kind of

Ross says he sank without trace at school - he won no prizes, as he told them when at speech day. It was - the same school, same

years, as Chris Woodhead, now HM Chief Inspector of Schools. "We must have been very unimpressive, because fact unmentioned when Woodhead

not switch The fact that he is educating his off with three young sons in the private sector the phone. gives him a guilty pang. It's like the He stays day I first cut through an Outinvolved. span orange - the lingering sense

be doing this doesn't go away." dated with offers of other jobs. With candour, he says: "I am angry that I believe my children will do better at a private

Going to Queen's Univer-sity, Belfast, in 1966 — Berna-dette Devlin was in the year above him, also reading psy-chology — was "more important in forming what I am. than school, marriage, or childhood. When the Troubles began, the English sided immediately with the Catholics, not because of nationalism but because they had no votes. If you couldn't be at Woodstock or Paris, Belfast then was a golden period. I loved it: He joined the BBC and married quite late, at 38 — Sarah Caplin, a BBC colleague, after

catching sight of her in a Jacuzzi in Chicago in his Man Alive days.

He is fantastically disci-

plined and organised. I can report that for two weeks his diary contains no gaps, from breakfast meetings, to school concerts, to chairing conferences. His grasp of each new subject demands assiduous prep. When I pinioned him after his Westminster programme had finished, he had yet to write a policy paper. followed by a dinner. He firmly refused a second glass of wine: "Let's just chunter on." Is he a bit of a control freak?" l rather admire control

He has not (as misreported) been fired for his lucrative sideline in corporate videos. nor is he leaving in a huff because Election Call with slot. He is leaving because he wants to go on a high, says the official BBC statement today, adding that the Controller, James "McBirt" Boyle, hopes he will soon be back.

freaks," he said.

There is, sighs Ross one neither of us even noticed the huge regret about leaving: other, he says — a fact unmentioned lege of broadcast-He does

ing to the Radio 4 I can understand why, for the Controller, they are such an irritating bunch: they see Radio 4 as their club, and they don't want changes, or to let other people in." gratifyingly inun-

Fronting Crimewatch UK — which he will carry on with has led him inevitably into crime prevention, where so much could be done. His Who's Who entry used to list under recreations, after skiing and scuba-diving, "observing (and occasionally influencing) issues of public policy". He has excised that bit now; but he has become a patron of committees on healthcare. gene therapy, road safety, youth and crime. "When I started broadcasting I kept thinking that when I grew up I'd get a proper job, and never have." But he could obviously now make use of his expertise on crime prevention.

have any balls and are clueless about crime," he said in 1993. He thinks we have to get real. stop locking the stable door after the horse has bolted. Stop demonising offenders. "Everybody breaks rules. It is part of growing up" -- as he has said, we have all stolen sweets from Woolworths, including him. The key issue is to contain it at that stage, instead of making it easier and easier to

commit crime. "I once went to China on your behalf and at your expense, as Beyond the Fringe put it. There was barbed wire round some houses. I was told by the head man: 'My grandfather did not know burglars. My father did not know burglars. But now, we have burglars. The reason is obvi-

"Crimes evolve, and become less valuable on resale. extinct. You don't get much horse stealing or safebreaking now. But we offer the temptation of portable, stealable goods, easily replicable in our

ous: television sets in every

households as our own." A few years ago there was a small burglary at his home in Notting Hill. The third reached through a window and got the nanny's handbag. But what perturbed Ross was that it was in the tabloids the next day (TV Crime Nick is burgled): only the police could have told them. There's an issue here

policy, like the medical profession, about where privacy begins and ends."

He fulminates on the obviourness of cutting credit card crime (with photographs on cards for instance), on the tantalising ease of mobile phone theft — "I could take your mobile now and use it" -and the foolishness of designing JCBs that anyone can get in and drive off.

here's a corporate recklessness here, in those who peddle such enormous temptations and take no precautions. There is blame on both sides." As he says, if you asked anyone who can think laterally - physicists, engi-neers - they would tell you how to make things less stealable.

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Playing devil's advocate has become second nature, since every story has two sides. "We are biologically programmed to seek certainty where there is uncertainty, meaning where there is ambiguity. But life is always much messier than the story I have to construct." Whenever he is accused of partiality, he says listeners claim he had taken the opposite side of his true beliefs. They can't call Nick Ross on 0171-580: 4444 any more; but they might now begin to hear what he really thinks. about trusting the police. I



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# The pulling power of the trolley

t is sometimes said that if you want to discover the secrets of a friend you should look no further than his or her dustbin; the same applies to a supermarket trolley or basket. those small revelations of intimacy. Part of the fascination of supermarkets is that they offer a window on other people's lives.

Observing and listening to people as they shop - as Channel 4 has done for a new series - can be devastatingly revealing.
One couple, Sara Phyllis and

Kari Selle, who were filmed wan-dering their local supermarket in Canden Town, were astonished that a routine they considered unimportant revealed truths about themselves and their relationship they never thought possible. "I was amazed at how bossy I am and how cunning," says Sara, 30, who works at a London design consultancy. "I was clearly the dominant one. It was me who was trying to sneak things into the basket and who was telling Karl what he couldn't have.

We unwiningly slipped into archetypal behaviour, too: 1 buzzed off looking for promotions, while he watched the trolley. It was as if we were working telepathically. It was very

Professor Rachel Bowlby, of the research centre in the humanities at Sussex University, says super-markets tend to magnify the roles we play at home. "But they do so in a more relaxed, parodic way. So one partner may chastise the other for spending too much in a manner that is gentle and mocking but which at home may be a cause of bitter dispute.

The behaviour of Sara and Karl followed an established pattern. When couples shop they tend to work subconsciously as a team," Professor Bowlby adds. The man, for instance, will guard the trolley or he will open a bag as his partner drops vegetables into it. What is significant is that couples operate without needing to speak or indeed look at each other. They automati-



The way people shop in supermarkets reveals truths about themselves and their relationships,

cally understand what their role is and what is required of them." The modern supermarket is a speciacle of excess, an assault on

the senses. The shopper is literally overwhelmed by choice; a typical store carries something like 30,000 product lines. And yet there is nothing contingent or random about a supermarket; it is a planned environment complex, demanding, even mesmerising. The soporific lighting, the drifting scent of warm bread, the singposting of goods - everything has been market-tested, researched, preplanned.

As you move through a store, criss-crossing aisles and avoiding rival trolleys, you are influenced by layout, sound, colour and the bustle of other people. There is a complex system of signs and signifiers to be negotiated: pricepromotions, in-aisle gondolas, health tips, endcaps, barmers. Small wonder, then, that many shoppers suffer information overload, being reduced, says Hugh Phillips, senior lecturer in retailing at De Montfort University, to

drowsily operating on autopilot. Supermarkets are keenly interested in what happens to us at such moments because although we appear to be mesmerised we are still actually shopping.

Dr Phillips says: " If we use our maximum attention for too long we can become easily tired. So what we try to do is process information subconsciously." Each person on average blinks

says Jason Cowley

about 32 times a minute; this falls to an almost narcoleptic 14 times per minute in supermarkets. "Our blink rate is associated with the amount of conscious attention we says Dr Phillips. "The trick of shopping is to relax your eyes so that information is filtered vithout stress."

The grocery market is estimated be worth £72 billion a year. There are now something like 30,000 supermarkets in Britain occupying 37 million square feet and employing 320,000 people. And they are growing in size. becoming more intimidating: there are now 1,087 superstores of more than 25,000 square feet; the figure ten years ago was 457.

s shoppers become more sophisticated, so the supermarkets introduce new ways of luring them into stores — such as loyalty cards and bonus schemes.

In addition, the large supermarkets are employing networks of market researchers, "retail" anthropologists, behaviourial researchers and academics as they pursue the perfect profit-generating store. So fierce is the competition that if you have an "expert" opinion on the subject the supermarket will pay to hear it.

The trouble is, the more supermarkets spend on research the more elusive and unpredictable the shopper becomes. Gill Davies, of the market reseach company ACNielsen, says: "For too long

homogeneous block and used generic marketing to attract them. That was a mistake. Each consumer is different, he or she behaves in

entirely their own way." in an attempt to reflect the diversity of society - and to determine our response to certain stimuli - ACNielsen has separared shoppers into six categories: The habit-bound dichard: These

routine and loyalty are important. They have limited funds; they are cautious with an eye for a bargain. The self-indulgent shopper: They are younger professionals, with no money worries or commitments and a fondness for the exotic and unusual. They are confident, self-assured and eager to experiment with a multiplicity of foods. Struggling idealists: Not much spected or desired by supermarkets, they are pedantic and partic-

tend to be older people for whom

ular, favouring organic and natural ingredients. They never spend much. ◆ Comfortable and contented: Loosely called Middle Englanders. they are the most sought-after shopper, encompassing young comfortable mothers and house wives to middle-aged couples with disposable income. They tend to be admirers of Delia Smith and luxuriate in abundance, in sur-

The frenzied coper: Professional without much time, or mothers juggling a career and family, they pend freely but move quickly. They return to the same supermarkets, especially if they offer creche facilities and consistent layouts. Mercenaries: They are fickle, They favour own-brand goods, promotions, discounts and damaged goods - anything cheap.

People may dismiss these categories as too simplistic," says Gill Davies, "but they are helping supermarkets drive up profits. It's also amazing how many people recognise themselves in them." Shop Until You Drop, Thursday, Spm.

## 'Stewed rat or roast grasshopper, sir?'

hat do you eat when you have nothing left to eat? Well, if you are a war correspondent world's trouble spots, the answer appeares to be grasshoppers, dandelions, rats or caterpillars. That, at least, is the outcome of research by Carlton Television, which has invited the thef Ross Burden to recreate the culinary experiences of journalists working in extremis. And what an uncon-

ventional menu he has designed. There is a choice of starters: the stinging nettles, dandelion leaves, baked beans and spaghetti, variations of which provided sustenance for Martin Bell, the veteran BBC. correspondent, and his team while living and working in Saraievo during the war in

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War correspondents are so busy dodging bullets that when it comes to food, they will eat anything

Lawrence McGinty sampled in Turkey as he reported on a Unicel vaccination campaign.

From an astoundingly odd selection of main courses there is surely nothing odder than the meals eaten by John Cookson, of Sky News, as he investigated the Peruvian drugs trade. First, "after a long tiring day", he unwittingly ate stewed rat; at least, being tired was his excuse. Later, after being mugged at gunpoint, he sat down to rabbit in chilli and chocolate sauce. Small wonder he contracted dysentery.

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Bosnia. Or the goat and rancid whose Pop-Tarts and Ambroblue cheese roll that ITN's sia rice, shared with the Bedupreferable to the chunk of warm human flesh he claims

> there as a lo-year-old.
> But it is Michael Nicholson's culinary adventures in Angola that stand out. An ITN foreign correspondent since 1966, Nichol-

he was offered while travelling

son, 60, describes his job as one of exotic luxury punctuated by periods of extreme danger, as he discovered in Angola in the late 1970s. He and his camera crew

were being escorted by guerrillas to interview the leader of Unita, Jonas Savimbi, when they were ambushed by Cuban troops. Presumed dead, Nicholson spent 42 months wandering the southern Angolan wilderness, known as "the place at the end of the earth". He ate whatever was offered him: baked caterpillars, roast-

ed grasshoppers, maize gruel. Like most war correspondents, he was used to trauma and suffering - other people's. Nothing could prepare me for the awfulness of my diet, or of having to eat when my face was covered by a blanket of flies," Nicholson says. "It was cattle country and the sky



Nicholson: plagued by flies

would be black with flies. The cattle had all been slaughtered but the flies remained. The only way you could eat was by pulling a sleeping hag over your head, putting your food inside the bag and eating in complete darkness. Otherwise you were eating mouthfuls of flies. It really is the closest to hell I've ever been."

nd yet there were meals A he enjoyed. The carer-pillars, caught by their hundreds and kept in a bucket, were actually quite juicy," he says. "Most of the time we were eating a kind of semolina porridge made from maize, so

anything new was a bonus. When I was first offered the grasshoppers I thought they were cashew nuts. They had been cooked over a fire and were dark brown and crunchy. They were absolutely

Angola does not hold the napplest of memories for Nicholson. For it was where, in 1975, when independence was declared, that he are his worst meal: roasted goat, "The Portuguese were pulling out and there wasn't much food about. Our guides had a pet goat, which we used to dose up with whisky. We grew rather fond of the creature. Then one afternoon and before our eyes its throat was cut, it was skinned and offered for us to eat. I can see why people become vegetarians: if you eat an animal you have stroked and petted it leaves a pretty

unpalatable taste." Approaching retirement, Nicholson finds himself increasingly nostalgic for his early days as a foreign correspondent. They were pioneers: going to countries, believe it or not, where a television camera had never been before. The sense of adventure more than compensated for the occasional dire food."

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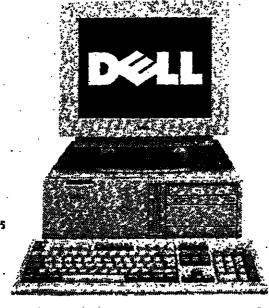
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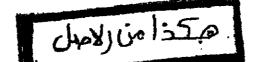
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Just how

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Tessa Blackstone on

the gap between

rhetoric and action

the Ministry of Agriculture during the Ministry of Agriculture during the genesis of the BSE crisis, has carefully cultivated a "green" reputation. He uses impassioned language to argue that we must not "cheat on our children". He has been on our televisions and the miles with the will.

ions warning developers that they will no longer be allowed to build on green-field sites. And he has been to interna-

tional conferences denouncing countries that refuse to face up to global warming.

But how green, really, is the Secretary of State for the Environment? I believe he deserves some credit. It seems that he

he deserves some credit. It seems that he has been convinced by the evidence of environmental decline his advisors place before him, on urban air pollution, the steady loss of rural England and on global warming in particular. He has basted successfully with the Department of Transport to stop the rush to build roads at any price. As one of the Cabinet's few pro-Europeans, he has adopted a generally positive attitude in European Environment Crancil meetings.

But we should not be uncritical. Par-

rooment Council meetings.

## Philip Howard



### Politicians are never more harmlessly employed than when electioneering

nterregnums (spell them how you will) are not much fun in an unstable factionocracy such as China's. There the death of an Emperor is traditionally a time for warlords, opportunists and change. Not for no-thing were the words for revolution in Ancient Greece and Rome "new things". To make revolution was to renovate: "to do new things". Not for nothing were classics professors of the old school reptilian reactionaries.

But in Britain's tired old democracy, an interregnum such as the present extended general election is the best of times. Fools who grumble about the constant electioneering do not realise when they are well off. For once every five years, the professional politi-cal class has to suck up to the rest of us and stop its pathetic attempts to improve our way of life, ie, reorganise us with unnecessary, mischievous, wicked or counter-productive legislation. Politicians are never more harm-lessly employed than when electioneering. For then they stop legislating and start courting us. For once, as one of the poxy factions in Reigate has shown, the people of England get their chance to speak. May Reigate select a candidate as worthy of its ghastly suburb as the last one was.

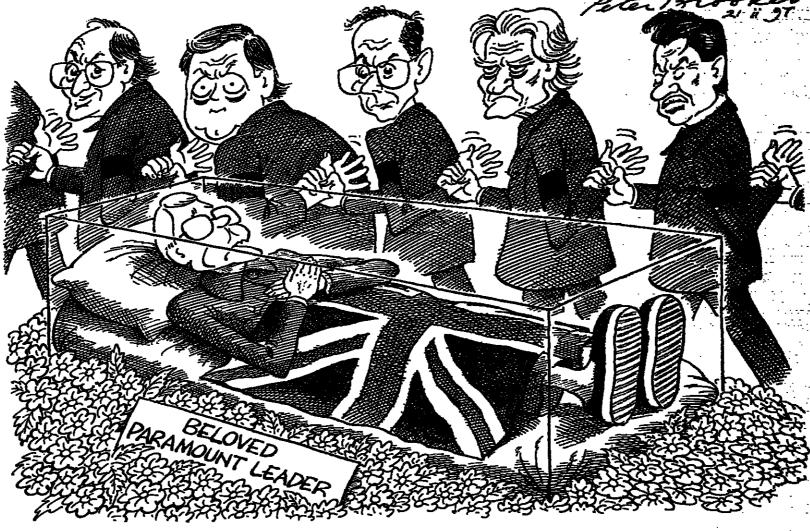
And for once the politicians have to stop taking money for questions, enjoying "gour-met" freebies to the Ritz, filing their spurious expenses and rogering their "secretaries". Of course, nothing can stop politicians dissembling, and they get up to even more of it at election time. And it is true that an election brings the inconveniences of junk leaflets, election broadcasts and knocks on the door from simple-minded or hectoring enthusiasts. But for what other emergency were the bin-liner and the television zapper invented? You do not have to answer their knocks. But it can be instructive to do so, in order to observe the brass necks that drive such loonies to knock on the doors of strangers with their piffling programmes and scaremongering.

For politicians at all levels, from Westminster to the election door-knockers, are wonkers. As well as that other word like it with a vowel changed. A wonk came into the language as the disparaging American college term for a studious person. A fanciful etymology derives it from "know" spelt backwards.
In England the equivalent schoolboy term for those cleverer than the speaker was swot. But Bill Clinton, with his awesome passion for electioneering and his awful lack of principle, has turned wonking into a compliment - at any rate among the professional political classes. Clinton's annual spring wonking weekend in South Carolina for wannabe politicians sounds like the fifth circle of hell for the average human being.

But for ambitious wonkers, who form less than 10 per cent of any population, it is heaven. And so is our general election. For the "professional" politicians can witter on to their vanity's desire about the "ishues" and dance a thousand policy proposals on the point of a pin. They can defile our news-papers and billboards with fatuous and patronising posters. But at least that bring: money into the trades for proper workers.

But of course, a general election is about something more important than choosing between a grey man and a man with a permanent glassy smile. The governance of a nation matters. But in general, the less of it there is, the better. Pace market gardeners and poor put-upon prostitutes, politics is an older profession - though not as honourable as either. The oldest profession is medicine: a doctor was needed to attend the first birth. Second was the law: a registrar recorded it. An architect reduced chaos to order. But government came first, because we needed a politician to create the chaos.

So the modern doctrine (devised of course, by wonks) of permanent electioneering is a sophisticated advance for democracy. The fearful wonkers can chatter and pamphle-teer in ever decreasing circles until they vanish up their own bumpf. The rest of us get on with more civilised pursuits, such as reading, listening to music, watching the daffodils return, and even wondering about the plural of interregnum. For interregnums are fun even if they are interregna. A British general election, held once a year at a fixed date, say April 1, would be the greatest public blessing since the Reform Acts. It would confine the wonkers to their ghetto.



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## Elementary, Watson

he headline was sensational. "Abort babies with gay genes, says Nobel winner." But that was not what Dr James Watson said. He had told his Sunday Telegraph interviewer that if any gene unwelcome to parents were found in an embryo, they should be permitted to abort it. And if an embryo lacked a gene which parents wanted in their child, they could abort that too.

Height, intelligence, Down's syndrome, musical aptitude, good looks, curly hair, skin colour, homosexuality . all these characteristics may be genetically determined. With every step in the advance of medical knowledge, we see more clearly where the road is leading. The era of the designed baby is dawning.

Watson, one of the men who discovered DNA, saw no reason not to welcome this, even if some "gay embry-os" were aborted as a result. He does not assume that homosexuality is genetically determined: the "gay gene" is only one instance of the dilemmas which will occur. The debate is more important than the instance.

Reaction to Dr Watson's remarks has been swift and censorious. Nick Partridge, the director of the Terrence Higgins Trust (an Aids and HIV charity) called Watson's remarks "outrageous". The Sunday Telegraph's Editor, Dominic Lawson, said Watson had become "too big for his DNA". And reaction from anti-abortion campaigners has been predictably hostile.

More significant has been the view of what we might call the Guardianreading tendency. This, too, seems to be hostile. The paper's columnist, George Monbiot, wrote on Tuesday that all the evils of "mass consumerism" would flow from permitting parents to choose the offspring they want. The accretion of individual choices could lead to the emergence of an unlovely society. Trying to confer advantage on our children by designing the embryo was comparable with sending them to a public school. He condemned both.

Here, then, is a proposal that unites progressives and conservatives in condemnation. There must be something to be said for it.

Leave aside the debate about whether abortion can ever be right. It matters, but it is another debate. We will not outlaw abortion, and the only window anti-abortionists have into the argument about genes is to cite Dr The great DNA boffin is right: only the parents should ever decide whether a particular gene warrants an abortion

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Watson's proposals as proof that once you permit abortion for any reason other than life-and-death emergency, the slope is slippery. Indeed it is. But we are on the slope, and not disposed as a nation to clamber back up it. The question is whether we can find an anchor here — some distance down the slope — or whether, with Dr Watson,

In this, as in a wide range of ethical questions of public policy in Britain, one starts by discovering that Baroness Warnock has been asked to consider the question: that she has considered it: and

that she has copped out of offering any useful, or even interesting, answers. Mary Warnock led the Inquiry into Human Fertilisation, whose 1984 report (though focused upon in vitro fertilisation) looked at the wid-

er question of the status of human embryos. It concluded:

Public anxiety . . . centres . . . on the idea of the deliberate creation of human beings with specific characteristics. We regard such techniques as purely speculative, but believe that any developments in these fields are precluded by the controls we have already recommended ... We recommend that the proposed licensing body promulgate guida what types of research, apart from those precluded by law, would be unlikely to be considered ethically acceptable in any circumstances, and therefore would not be

In other words, "Don't ask me." Thanks, Mary. In the book she wrote after this report, A Question of Life, she enlightens us further:

. . . some people, at some times, may regard things as matters of moral right or wrong which at another time, or another place, are thought to be matters of taste, or, indeed, matters of no importance at all ... Those who discuss moral decision in

terms of what is, or is not, compatible with part, appealing to an inner sense of what is, or is not, tolerable behaviour.

David Hume compressed this into something more lucid, in 1738: morality, he wrote, was "more properly felt than judg'd of". And in the end, that is all she

can advise. But every age needs a Warnock. The function of a Warnock is to provide for administrators the high-toned mush of academic pedigree upon which they can float the prevarications which may detain, but cannot arrest, the march of history. We should not mock. By crecting straw barriers instead of concrete ones, a Warnock saves her age from collisions of a more damaging kind. One sometimes suspects that if Baroness

Warnock had not existed, it would have been her. One sometimes That 1984 report did

offer a guess at public moral sentiment. It guessed that "Society feels . . . its members

. must be protected against possible exploitation by enthusiastic scientists". Upon that guess, Warnock tried half-heartedly to preclude devel-opment of knowledge of the designing

ut the guess was wrong-head-ed. Of course, if you ask "Society" (should you ever meet such a being) do you think your members should be protected against exploitation by enthusiastic scientists?". Society would say Yes. But I believe, with another baroness, that

no such thing as society: there are parents. If you ask parents "If there were a way you could ensure that your baby will grow up to be bright, strong and handsome, would you consider taking it?", then many would take it. This is not a matter of exploitation by scientists: parents, of their own volition, will exploit the possibilities offered by science.

And why not? Human beings have always tried to improve their offspring.

Not only (or even mainly) by persuasion, but by coercion do we mould. A million braces, callipers, foot-binders, stickingout-ear-flatteners, public school housemasters, A-level crammers, slippers and canes all bear witness to this.

Until recently, natural selection - the survival of the fittest - offered a silent hand in the process. Now a welfarism under which the worst reproduce as fast as the best has blocked human evolution. The acquiring of mastery over the genes we transmit, far from being antinature, allows natural selection to resume its course.

It is simply fatuous for a man who is tall, or crippled, or pale, or short, or gay to try to prevent access to such scientific mustery on the ground that if it had existed previously, he might not have been born. So what? If you don't exist you haven't missed anything. might be possible to find a gene which disposes a man to be sexually attracted to trees. An infinity of possible sexualities is, in Nick Partidge's sense, missing out by not being born, but Dr Watson's proposals imply no reduction in the number of human lives: for every embryo rejected in favour of a preferred embryo, a child who would not otherwise have been conceived is made. Why not let the parents choose which?

If my parents had not wanted a gay son, and if medical science in 1949 could have identified that propensity in the embryo, then no power on earth should have prohibited them from terminating me. Their decision would have been wrong, but they should have been free to take it. Those authoritarians — progressive and conservative — who would deny the next generation such mastery would do so because they do not trust their fellow men to make the right choices. In denying individual parents control, they assert their own. They know best; they know that Asian parents ought not to prefer a male child, that Daily Mail-reading parents ought not to prefer a heterosexual son.

We may agree, but why should we interfere? Let people find the truth by experimentation; let a shortage of Asian girls create its own demand. It may create a surfeit of Asian homosexuals. Let gay men prove our worth, as we do. Through trial and error people will find their way, and, in the end, nothing will stop the march of knowledge. With knowledge marches capability. Nothing can separate them.

ents of asshma sufferers, or those who cough and splutter as they walk down smoggy streets, will not be impressed to learn that the Government's air-quality strategy, published last year, sets no strategy, pronsined assi year, sea he targets for improvement until 2005. Earlier targets would have meant radical shifts in policy, something this Government finds even harder to swallow than the rest of us find the pollution which results from its inaction. Evidence collected by the Council for the Protection of Rural England indi-

the Protection of Rural England indi-cates that there is still a great deal of building on greenfield sites, and that Mr Gummer himself is failing to block new out-of-town supermarkets even when he has the power to do so. There is a gap between his rhetoric and his actions.

The Environment Secretary also falls short of his rhetoric in the less glamor-ous but equally important aim of integ-rating environmental concerns into other policies. A new report from the Green Alliance, published this week, re-Green Alliance, published this week, reveals that the "green ministers", a group Mr Gummer chairs, have done little other than consider departmental fuel bills. The impact of different policies on the environment has been largely ignored. Few departments include environmental information in their annual reports. And now the Government is blocking a proposal at the European intergovernmental conference to include a prominent commitment to integration of the environment in the EU treaty. How can John Gummer square this with his essed environmental concern?

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Labour government would do better. Tony Blair stated in Janu-A ary that in his government all deme reasur Office and the Transport Department included - would be departments for the environment. This week he repeated his determination to clean up the air in our cities. Gordon Brown insists that the tax system should be used to encourage work and discourage pollution. At present, the opposite is often the case.

Anyone who thinks that this is all just soundbite stuff should read Labour's comprehensive environmental policy document. In Trust for Tomorrow. A theme running though this is that environmental protection and economic regeneration are not alternatives, but must proceed hand in hand. By setting high environmental standards. Britain will become not only cleaner and healthier, but also richer. The market for pollution abatement technology is already as large as the global aerospace market, and by the end of the decade it will be as large as the chemical industry. The scope for making and selling "clean technologies", which use resources more efficiently, producing less pollution and waste, is even greater. And mainstream companies that cut pollution and reduce energy use, whether voluntarily or to meet regulatory requirements, will find their costs falling. As the CBI puts it, "environment means business".

Take the vexed issue of the car. As Tony Blair said on Monday, there is no point in waging war on the car: it has brought freedom to millions. But we have to accept that the car is now responsible for most of the pollution in our cities. We need to do two things. First, we must improve provision of order forms of transport, as in many other European cities. This week we learn that even the RAC, for so long the champion of unrestricted rights for the motorist. has been converted to the importance of public transport, cycling and walking. Secondly, we must make the car more green, so that it becomes more efficient and less polluting. That is why Tony Blair announced a new initiative to bring together government, industry and academic research to develop an emission-free vehicle. And if it is developed successfully. Britain should be able to sell it the world over.

Charles Secrett, the Director of Friends of the Earth, caused a stir recently when he claimed that the Tories were greener than Labour. His extraordinary reason is that the Conservatives have a record whereas Labour does not. Can he have failed to notice that for the past 18 years Labour has been in Opposition, where it is impossible to develop a record of action? He also ignores the pioneering work of Labour local au-thorities, such as Edinburgh, York Leicester and Kirklees. There are good grounds for optimism. But it will be up to environmental pressure groups to make sure that Labour keeps to its environmental commitments in office. Baroness Blackstone is a Labour spokesman in the Lords.

## True Brit

IN HER QUEST for the youth vote. Virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary and lover of the arts, has turned critic for Billboard magazine, a pop music publication read by showbusiness ponytails.

Nanny Bottomley has written a tribute to the pop music industry for the current Brit Awards issue of the magazine, in which she lapses into the jargon of poppickers: "The creative influence of Oasis, Pulp, Kula Shaker, Supergrass and Elastica contributed to Britain's position as home to some of the coolest music on the planet."

The image of Tony Blair ad-dressing the Brit Awards and up-staging her last year still burns angrily in Nanny's breast, and she wants to get back on even terms. She writes nostalgically of the musical icons of her youth — The Who, Eric Clapton, Gary Glitter and Bob Dylan, veterans still at the top of their profession". She rhapsodises about bands "strutting their stuff" in language suggesting that she has just swallowed the latest issue of

More tellingly, she has been badgering organisers of the Brit Awards — where last year politicians including John Prescott and

Smash Hits.

night. Organiser Bernard Docherty is unimpressed: "Tell the truth, I doubt she'd recognise bands like the Prodigy if they ran up and bit her on the nose."

■ Many happy returns to Jilly Cooper, chronicler-in-chief of the



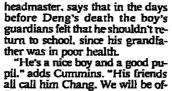


haystack romp, who is 60 today. "I'll be off on Monday to collect my £28 or so pension," she says, just back from walking the dogs through Gloucestershire, "and with any luck I'll be pursued by gigolos now I'm so rich." Age holds no fears for Mrs Cooper. "Men get blinder as well as us, so before long we'll all just be rosy glows and practitioners of what I call the Calmer Sutra."

### Some upset

SHOCK WAVES from the death of Deng Xiaoping, China's para-mount leader, have reached the West Country. Deng's 12-year-old adopted grandson, a pupil at Millfield Preparatory School in Somerset, has returned to China.

He went back for half-term and is expected to remain out there for the funeral. Simon Cummins, the



## **Equity please** BENEATH the immaculately

oiled exterior of David Suchet, star of Howard Davies's West End production of Who's Afraid of Vir-



spector Poirot, lies an unexpected streak of militancy. Along with 200 other top-billing

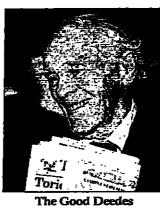
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names - Simon Callow, Derek Jacobi, Diana Rigg — Suchet has signed an advertisement backing an Equity campaign for a £250 a week minimum wage. Negotia-tions are in progress, but an all-out strike paralysing the West End is not impossible: "If my union orfering him every sort of support that we can if he comes back." ders me out, then I'm out," he says deliantly.

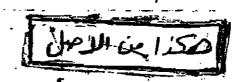
> • The toast of the smoking room at the Athenaeum in London at present is Lefite, the club's errant cat, reunited with his brother Letour after being rescued from the thunderstorms on Wednesday night. Lefite was discovered drenched and supine in St James's Park by passers-by, who dis-patched him to his Pall Mall home in a black cab, which a starchy doorman had to pay for. "We can't stop him," sighs Tom Weher, the club's assistant manager. "He's even been up to Buckingham Palace to see the Queen, but she sends him back."

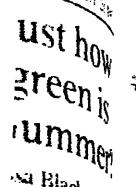
### Peerless life

BOOT of the Beast, aka Lord Deedes, has completed his mem-oirs. They will be published in October under the title Is There



Much More of This Old Boy? For many years Deedes was courted by prospective biogra-phers keen to earn a dime writing up a life which has ranged from Abyssinia as a war reporter (and model for the hero of Evelyn Waugh's Scoop) to Tory back rooms (where he served as Cabinet Minister under Macmillan and best friend of Denis Thatcher) and The Daily Telegraph, as Edi tor for 12 years. But he turned down all would-be biographers, and was only persuaded three years ago to get scribbling himself by a lady-friend who promised to help with the research.







## LIONS AND UNICORNS

Neither party convinces on the constitution

Observers of yesterday's House of Commons debate on the constitution may have felt as if they had entered a topsy-turvy world. On the government benches sat the Opposition, putting to the test the policies of the other side. John Major presumably did not intend it to look that way. But this blistering debate allowed the country a foretaste of what could lie ahead later this year, if Labour should win power.

Mr Major's speech was persuasive in parts, and delivered in the confidence that, on this issue at least, he has the full support of his party. Whatever his colleagues - and indeed the Tory party - might have thought in the past, they have all now recanted their earlier support for devolution and reform of the House of Lords. The Prime Minister will be able to blast Labour on constitutional reform during the election campaign, not just because its plans are flawed, but also because he will be bolstered by unaccustomed unity on his own side.

That is not to say, however, that he is bound to win the argument. Indeed, he sometimes risks damaging his case by overstatement. For instance, to claim that separate taxation can take place only in a separate nation — attacking a Scottish parliament's tax-varying powers — is to ignore the many countries in the world in which local income tax is levied. To say that "any Honourable Member of this House should be ashamed" to endorse Labour's plans is to insult the legitimately held beliefs of many thoughtful MPs. And to claim that Labour, in its constitutional reforms, is putting party before country can sound hollow from a party that is determined to keep the overwhelmingly Conservative ranks of hereditary peers.

Mr Major's other problem is that, in opposing all Labour's constitutional reforms, however desirable, he runs the danger of offering the electorate a negative agenda. Few outside Westminster believe that all is for the best in the best of all possible constitutional worlds. By setting

their faces against Labour's reforms, the Conservatives are in danger of sounding like the dichards who predicted apocalyptic consequences during the passage of each Reform Act in the 19th century. The world did not fall in when the franchise was extended.

Mr Major's over-statements overshadowed some of his best points. On one question, at least, the Prime Minister had Tony Blair on the ropes yesterday. The Labour leader delivered one of his best performances in the House, making a positive case for constitutional reform instead of the defensive positions that he has adopted all too frequently recently. But, despite promising to answer the West Lothian Question, he never did. This was a glaring hole in the centre of his speech.

Labour's position on the asymmetry that will result from Scottish devolution is unsustainable. Scotland is already over-represented. Scottish MPs have fewer constituents than English MPs. Once they no longer have to deal with their constituents' complaints about health, education, transport, agriculture and so on, what will they do with their time? There will be a strong case for reducing the number of Scottish Members at Westminster, a move that would run counter to Labour's own interests.

Mr Major has a West Belfast question of his own to answer. Why should Ulster MPs vote on English and Welsh legislation if they have their own devolved assembly? After next Thursday, when the Government looks likely to lose its majority in the Wirral South by election and will rely on the Unionists to prop it up, this question may look all too pertinent. The Prime Minister claimed yesterday that an Ulster assembly "would provide the surest possible foundation for maintaining Northern Ireland's place firmly within the United Kingdom". If this is so, why would any Scottish parliament do the opposite? Mr Blair's constitutional proposals are certainly flawed. But there are anomalies on the other side too.

## **JURY JUDGMENT**

Twelve good men are sometimes not good enough

There are dangers in empowering judges at offence such as theft receiving an approthe expense of juries, but there are occasions when matters are better not left entirely to 12 laymen. The development of a culture of compensation and the consequent growth in operate effectively in some civil cases. The certain criminal cases also places sometimes unnecessary demands on citizens and the justice system. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Master of the Rolls. Lord Woolf, are not natural allies; but both want to see limitations placed on the operation of juries and both are acting legitimately in the public interest.

As matters stand, serious criminal cases such as rape automatically go to jury trial and minor offences such as traffic crime are dealt with by magistrates as a matter of course; but in certain "intermediate" or "either way" cases, such as theft, the defendant can choose whether to be tried in front of a jury or by magistrates. Lord Runciman's Royal Commission felt, in the words of one of its members. Professor Michael Zander, that as a matter of principle "it is as wrong to leave to the defendant the choice of court as it would be to leave him the choice of judge".

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Not only is it wrong in principle to allow a defendant to make a decision which should be a matter for the justice system, it is damaging in practice. Trials start later, take longer and, in many cases, are pre-empted by guilty pleas at the last minute after long preparation. Justice delayed is justice denied. There is nothing, in principle, to prevent any defendant charged with an priate hearing in front of magistrates.

The courts' decisions are, of course, open to criticism and one of the areas where sniping has been most justified has been the litigation has tested the capacity of juries to \_\_level of damages awarded in those civil cases where juries sit. Libel has been the most choice of trial by jury given to defendants in notorious, with public distaste for newspaper excesses translated into inflated awards. Established practice had been to allow the jury, unadvised, to decide the level of compensation. In 1996 the then Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, compared the situation of the jury in such circumstances to "the position of sheep loosed in an unfenced common, with no shepherd."

> Juries in defamation cases can now be guided by the judge to an appropriate level of damages to ensure that a slight in print does not yield sums which dwarf the level of compensation for a crippling injury. This week, Lord Woolf further restrained juries inclined to award over-generous damages when he set an upper limit of £50,000 on the amount courts should award citizens who have been maltreated by the police. Understandable horror at the indignities that individuals have endured at the hands of those who should be their protectors may have driven up damages. Unfortunately, even though the award was supposed to penalise the police, it has been the taxpayer who has had to pick up the bill. A limit on awards not only restores balance to justice. it also safeguards the public purse. The onus is now on the police to ensure that their own disciplinary machinery affords victims of injustice the real compensation of seeing villains in uniform appropriately punished.

### **PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS**

Australians prefer black sheep to blue blood

The eminence enjoyed in England by those whose people came over with the Consucror, and in the United States by those whose families were at the first Thanksgiving, is extended to those Australians whose ancestors were men of firm convictions. There are none so noble in Oz as those who can boast a felon for a forefather. Now it has been revealed as a source of pride that one of Australia's tallest poppies, the premier John Howard, has roots in Botany Bay. It is one of Australia's many charms that status depends more on having black sheep in the family than blue blood.

England has had criminals of consequence, from the noble Robin of Locksley to the amateur cracksman and gentleman around town A. J. Raffles, but a skeleton key in the closet has usually been a badge of shame. A father, or father-figure, with form has been a blight more than a blessing. From Great Expectations to The Railway Children, a stretch inside has cast a dark

shadow over all associated with the inmate. While Mr Howard's counterparts in the British Cabinet would gain no cultural cachet from criminal connections, British politicians have nevertheless recognised that an exotic origin, humble start or raffish edge to their ancestry can invest subfuse CVs with a little interest. John Major, who famously escaped from the workaday world of the circus for the glamour of Standard Chartered Bank, enjoys a background in its own way as bohemian as any Freud or Sackville West. The choirboy air of Tony Blair is pleasingly offset by the presence in the family album of his strolling vagabond of a father-in-law, Tony Booth. But our party leaders, although they have rough diamonds for relatives, cannot rattle the ancestral leg-irons as can Mr Howard.

Cynics might account the respect which Australians show those fellow citizens whose ancestors endured transportation a form of inverted snobbery. It is possible to detect in the veneration of ancient convicts evidence of a nation trying a touch too hard to show it is no longer in the grip of what Paul Keating called "the cultural cringe". But it would be altogether wrong to assume that a desire to thumb one's nose at the old country is the main motivation. The status accorded the old lags' offspring is a sign of the new Australia's tolerant and inclusive spirit.

Addressing the American Democratic convention in 1988, Jesse Jackson celebrated his country's melting-pot powers when he proclaimed: "My ancestors came over in slave ships, Governor Dukakis's ancestors came over in immigrant ships, but we're all in the same boat now." The fact that Mr Howard's own prison-hulk parentage is as much a cause for pride as Mr Jackson's plantation roots shows that both countries are comfortable with their past but do not want to live in it. That is certainly a conviction worth boasting about.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Ulster lessons on Scots devolution

From Mr Jonathan Caine

Sir, Mr Alan Beith, MP (letter, February 15), is correct to draw the analogy between the "West Lothian" and the "South Armagh" questions, I would remind him, though, that between 1921 and 1972, when Stormont was prorogued, the fact that Westminster politicians were deprived of a close involvement in the grievances of the non-Unionist minority proved ex-tremely detrimental to the political life of Northern Ireland,

To compensate for the existence of Stormont, Ulster's representation at Westminster was originally cut to 12, far fewer than its population warranted (the number was increased to 17 in 1983, owing to the Province's lack of devolved legislative institutions). The effect was to ensure that the talented politicians went to Stormont while Westminster attracted (often literally) the second eleven.

If Scotland were to follow this model, fairness and consistency would require a similar cut - something which the Liberal Democrats are at least prepared to countenance but Labour are not. Throughout the Stormont period - when Ulster Unionists took the Tory whip - only one Northern Ireland MP held a significant post in the UK Government. which further marginalised the Pro-

vince and its politics. Stormont coexisted with Westminster because it was controlled exclusively by politicians who used it to reinforce the Union. Its governments followed both Conservative and Labour legislation "step by step", only rarely embarking on bold initiatives of their own. It is hard to imagine this happening in the case of a newly established Scottish parliament, given the expectations of its supporters.

It has become fashionable for Liber-al Democrat and Labour politicians to use Northern Ireland to justify the inconsistencies in their plans for Scotland. But a selective use of the facts cannot hide the damage that their proposals would do to the unity of the United Ringdom.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN CAINE (Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 1991-95). c/o Box 1621, London SW3 4JP. February 19.

### Unionist vote

From Mr Michael Bicknell

Sir, After watching the Government, the House of Commons and the nation being disgracefully held to ransom by a handful of self-seeking Unionist MPs in Monday's debate on BSE, one wonders how lone it can be before we send the whole lot packing. Most English people of my acquain-

tance, who feel we owe no debt to history, already regard Ireland in general, and Ulster in particular, as a confounded nuisance.

May we hope the outcome of the forthcoming election will be sufficiently clear-cut that the next government will not be in thrall to any minority group, or combination of groups, able to exercise undue influence over our

Yours truly MICHAEL BICKNELL 11 Longmeadow, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon. February 18.

### Lorries and bridges

From the Director General of the Freight Transport Association

Sir, The critical underfunding of the assessment and strengthening of bridges highlighted by the Transport Select Committee's report on road and bridge maintenance (report, February 12, later editions) will most certainly lead to otherwise avoidable transport

However, I strongly dispute the suggestion by the committee that this neglect will force the closure of hundreds of routes when 40-tonne juggernauts are allowed into the country

from January 1, 1999. The Government's bridge assessment programme conducted over the past ten years has already led to many weight bans on bridges, mostly at 75 tonnes and at 16 tonnes. We already have 44-tonne vehicles operating to UK railheads and this has necessitated only a small number of additional bans for lorries over 38 tonnes. Therefore fears that more general use of these heavier forries will lead to widespread damage to and closure of bridges are a red herring.

Since the Government seems to have turned its back on the roadbuilding programme, it is essential that we maintain and protect our present infrastructure to the right level. That means increasing investment and getting on with the job.

The introduction of 44-tonne lorries moving more goods on fewer vehicles is a means of making the most of what we have got.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN, Director General, Freight Transport Association, Hermes House, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. February 12.

> Business letters, page 27 Sport letters, page 41

## Tackling challenge of job insecurity

From Dr John Philpott, Director of the Employment Policy Institute

Sir, Your leading article, "Old party card" (February ii), questions the proposal floated by the Shadow Employment Minister, Mr Peter Hain, MP, to introduce job security agreements across the public sector. In doing so you cite research that challenges the Labour Party's assertion that job insecurity is rife in Britain today. However, a balanced assessment of available evidence suggests that Mr Hain may have a point.

First, you state that "most Britons in work are covered by employment protection". This is literally true but misleading as to changes over time. In 1975, 91 per cent of employees were in jobs covered by basic employment rights. By 1990 that figure had dropped to 62 per cent: it moved up again to 70 per cent in 1995 but only after EU law forced the inclusion of more parttime employees into legal protection.

Secondly, you say that people stay in the same job nearly as long as they did 20 years ago. But this observation disguises vast differences between the experience of men and women. The average length of time a man stays in the same job has fallen by 25 per cent since 1975, whereas women stay in jobs slightly longer because of the greater availability of maternity leave

arrangements. Finally, you ignore the substantial costs that people incur nowadays when they lose a job. People made redundant in the late 1990s spend 20 per cent longer unemployed than was the case in the 1970s, while the value of any state benefits they might receive has shrunk relative to earnings. Moreover, those lucky enough to find a new job will on average be paid 20 per cent less than they were in their previous job and have fewer perks (with the financial penalty associated with such "trading down" in the jobs market rising the older a person is).

Taking all these factors together it is no wonder that so many people feel insecure in their jobs and are anxious as to what might happen to them if made redundant. You may or may not be justified in questioning the efficacy of Mr Hain's specific proposals but his basic premise is surely correct.

Yours faithfully. JOHN PHILPOTT. Director. Employment Policy Institute, Southbank House Black Prince Road, SEL

From the Shadow Minister for Employment

Sir, How on earth you could criticise Labour's proposals to tackle job insecurity as old-style "beer and sandwiches at Downing Street" beggars

We are encouraging companies in the private sector to introduce job security agreements in return for greater flexibility. Already Blue Circle Cement and United Distillers have done this, quite independently, and other companies are following where it suits them. We have also suggested that the same principle could be looked at by

managers in the public sector. This is not old-fashioned corporatism. It reflects decentralised, autonomous bargaining which sets a new and welcome agenda, enabling busi-ness to think long-term and individuals to plan for their own futures long-

Of course there can be no promise of a "job for life"; and neither are we suggesting some Soviet-style central wage fixing or protectionism. But millions are trapped in the world of temporary, short-term or casual work -- a revolving-door economy where people are in and out of jobs and cannot plan for the future - and Labour is trying to address this situation.

Meanwhile the Tories, apparently with your support, are ignoring it and even denying it exists,

for unaccompanied children, has al-

ready reunited 44 familes in the re-

gion and is working with 74 others. We are also working with British ex-

perts and local psychiatrists in identi-

lying traumatised children and pro-

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The impulse to snatch a child from

war and poverty is very human but 50

years' experience has taught us that

for children caught in conflict is long-

term partnerships with local families.

Yours sincerely PETER HAIN, Labour Shadow Minister for Employment, House of Commons. February 12.

## Judgment on Bosnian war orphan

treatment.

From Ms Marie Staunton

Sir, Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, made the judgment of Solomon in the case of Edita Keranovic (Bosnia orphan to stay in Britain", February 18). He rightly put the best interests of the child first, as required by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The courts refused to countenance an adoption but ordered her British foster family to ensure that Edita visits her natural family four times a year and learns their language.

As Sir Stephen himself will be reviewing Edita's case her interests will be protected — but what of the 7,500 other children of former Yugoslavia who are separated from their families. 5,000 of them still outside the country?

Their best hope lies in programmes for children to find their parents and new homes. The Centre for Social Work in Zenica for example, implementing a Unicel programme with funds from the British Government

organisations and government. We need to be present, with the right resources, not just during the conflict but for a long time after in order to protect child victims. Yours faithfully

MARIE STAUNTON (Deputy Executive Director, Programmes), Unicef, United Kingdom Committee, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. February 19.

### Adoption refusal

From Mr James Lawrence

Sir, In your report "Dorrell chooses wrong family to support case" (February IS) my wife, Roma, and I were said to have told social workers handling our application to adopt a mixed-race child that "children should not be allowed to listen to pop music but should listen to Beethoven instead and that they should dress in sensible dothes rather than follow fashions". The impression given is that we were rejected for being a pair of reactionary rednecks, not because of our "lack of understanding of racial issues" -- the reason given to us by Norfolk Social

We were not in fact allowed to meet write on our ideas about child-rear-

the adoption panel, which made its judgment solely on written reports, including an essay we were required to

### Product placement

From Mr Derek Jole Sir, The practice of dropping real

brand-names into fictional surroundings may be a good deal older than Mr Henry Button thinks (letter, February 14). For instance, if Jane Austen's reference to Broadwood is just the sordid outcome of a deal she struck with a passing pianoforte salesman, how much more likely that, 400 years earlier, a hotel-keeper made it worth G. Chaucer's while to set the opening location of his Tales beside the Tabard Inn.

The power of "product placements"

Yours faithfully, D. B. JOLE. Chesterton, Oxfordshire. February 16.

ing. In it we said: We will introduce the child to quality music, art and literature. Like many chil dren, he may reject this ... but at least he will have the opportunity. That is not to say our tastes will be forced upon him . . . older children will want to choose their own (clothes). We would hope that our child will be secure enough not to feel compelled to wear autlandish costumes as a tecnager. However, you must accept the child's judg-

I challenge anyone to say this makes us unlit to be parents. In our view, as long as social services are allowed to make decisions behind closed doors, their politically correct doctrines will continue to wreck children's prospects.

Yours faithfully, J. LAWRENCE. Bracken House. 199a Holt Road. Cromer, Norfolk February 18.

lies precisely in our never knowing which have been commercially arranged, which not. They merge, like spies, into the fictional spell, and share fiction's special truth. The English breakfasts served by Missee Lee, Arthur Ransome's Chinese pirate queen, always included "Oxford" marmalade: the single good, she caustically observed, that Oxford had ever given to the worki.

The Old Vicarage Conage.

From Mr Frank W. Button

Sir, In his letter of February 14 my brother, Mr Henry Button (major scholar in modern languages. Christ's College, Cambridge, 1931-34) refers to a play by G. E. Lessing, Minna von Barnhelm, in which a landlord urges a customer to "try a glass of Danzig Goldwasser liqueur".

The word "Goldwasser" is not in the text. In Act 1, Scene 2, the customer talks about the landlord having "so guten Danziger", and the landlord describes the drink as "veritables Danziger! echter, doppelter Lachs!" (rea), genuine Danziger, from the sign of the two salmon!).

Yours faithfully FRANK W. BUTTON (Major scholar, modern languages, Gonville and Calus College, Cambridge, 1935-38). 390 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire. February 17.

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### Price too high for classical scholars

From Mr Jim Bourles

Sir, The imposition by Edexcel, for-merly the University of London examination board, of an extra £15 charge on every Latin and Greek A-level candidate (report, February 18), should be condemned. Not only might it be breaking the spirit of the Board's charitable status but, in simple exonomic terms, the idea of charging extra for those students taking subiects where there are very few candi-

dates is fundamentally misconceived, The education system faces the task of producing variety, not uniformity, and giving opportunity through study. Anyone with a rare ability of any sort is almost certain to find employment and a career, whilst those with abilities achieved by all will, by definition, face immense competition in the job market, an uncertain future

and periods of unemployment. Even if only one student chose Latin, Greek, Gujerati, Japanese, parfumery, musical composition or other minority subjects, that would be all the more, rather than less, reason to charge the standard examination fee. This would be a cross-subsidy properly used. A higher charge is a price sig-nal to the student and the schools in precisely the wrong direction.

Yours faithfully.
JIM BOURLET. Department of Business Studies. London Guildhall University. 84 Moorgate, EC2 February 18.

From Dr D. H. Berry

Sir. It comes as no surprise that teachers should be expressing "outrage" at Edexcel's decision to impose a surcharge on its small number of Greek and Latin A-level candidates. Nor would it be surprising if intelligent Greek and Latin students chose to desert Edexcel in favour of rival examination boards.

Edexcel's decision clearly shows that what we need is a single examination board: that would remove the need for surcharges. Moreover, a single examination board, setting the same high standards for all, would in my opinion prevent schools seeking to improve their standing in the league tables by entering their students with boards they judge to be less academically demanding.

Yours faithfully, D. H. BERRY. The School of Classics, University of Leeds; LS2 9JT. February 19.

From Dr Peter Jones

Sir. What can "Edexcel" mean, the name of the board that is attempting to get rid of minority subjects like Latin and Greek at A-level by levying a surcharge? If "Ed" stands for "education" - surely the last thing it has in mind - it would be better named "Edexcise": tax and cut

PETER JONES. Department of Classics, University of Newcastle, NEI 7RU February 19.

### Fighting funds

From Mr Michael Bird

Sir, The problem with attempting to compare Bill Gates's net worth with the wealth of Carnegie, Rockefeller et al (leading article, February 15; report same day) is finding a suitable inflation measure. Cost of living indices are no use, being based on the humble needs of Mr and Mrs Joe Average.

May I suggest an alternative measure? In ancient times a man was said to be truly rich only if he could afford to run a war out of his own pocket. By that sobering criterion i am glad

to say today's billionaires are paupers. Yours etc. MICHAEL BIRD, 5 Glentham Gardens, SWI3. February 16.

### Time and motion

From Major R. J. deV. Wade, RE Sir. Your leading article ("The right track", February 12) must comfort the City, which has made financial killings from rail privatisation — as your

Business section often reports. But if "reliable information to pussengers" is, as you say, "almost impossible to obtain" - what's the use of

having punctual trains? Yours sincerely. 9 Catherine Close, Shrivenham, Oxfordshire. February 12.

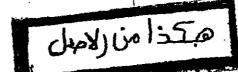
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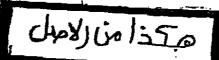
From Mr R. B. Viccajee

Is there no escape?

Sir, After a hard Saturday preparing a "self-assessment" tax lecture, imagine my consternation on opening my Chinese takeaway fried rice, to find, printed on its lid, an Inland Revenue advertisement showing "Horrible Hector" (the Inspector) with a knife and fork, warning the diner not to "get stuffed by Self Assessment".

Yours faithfully, R. B. VICCAJEE (Chartered accountant). 4 Abbots Close, Guildford, Surrey. February 18.







### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 20: His Excellency Mr Pertti Salolainen was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Finland to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Salolainen was also received by Her Majesty. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

us present. Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Captain Sir Alastair Aird was

received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order. The Earl of Crawford and

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Charterhouse School, Godalming, at 10.55; and will visit the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, at 2.30: The Duke of Kent, as president will attend a concert at Wellington College. Crowthome, Berkshire, at

### **Lord Pilkington** of Oxenford

The barony conferred upon Canon Peter Pilkington has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Pilkington of Ozenford, of West Dowlish, in the County of

### **Baroness Emerton**

The barony conferred upon Dame Audrey Caroline Emerton has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Emerton, of Tunbridge Wells, in the County of Kent and of Clerkenwell in the London Borough of Islington.

### Lord Lloyd-Webber

The life barony conferred upon Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Lloyd-Webber, of Sydmonton, in the County of Hampshire.

### Wiltshire Lieutenancy

The following have been appoints Deputy Lieutenants for Wiltshire Lady Benson, of Salisbury: Major-General Patrick Guy Brooking, of Amesbury: Mr David John Ran-dolph, of Grutleton, Chippenham; Mr Eric Walker, of Swindon.

Queen when Her Majesty con-ferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble

Balcarres was received by The

Order of the Thistle.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, today visited the University of Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 20: The Prince Edward, Patron, the Royal Enchange The-atre Company in Manchester, this evening held a Dinner at Bucking-ham Palace

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** rebruary 20: The Princes Royal
this morning visited HMS St
Vincent, Old Admiralty Building
Spring Gardens, London SWI,
Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon with
Mar Maistre Indian of the Con-Her Majesty's Judges at the Cen-tral Criminal Court, Old Bailey. London EC4.

### The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in January 1997. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters

'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC.

R D Altria, A Awwal, 1 T Brown, R Buscall, N Campbell, A Chesson, D Clary, D J Evans, M Ghannadi-Maragen, I J Hampton, C Henderson, P J Rocienski, S K J Lee, R G Leonard, M Malacria, A Marrz, A D Mortimer, R M Mowlam, S J Nesson, B N Oliver, T A Eyan, S J Thackray, J Thomson, A W Train, T D A Tricker, D R Waring, W W Y Yarn.

### Lectures

Royal Society Professor Peter Biggs, FRS, of the Royal Veterinary College, yes-terday delivered the Leeuwenhoek Lecture to the Royal Society at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS, president of the society, was in the chair.

Mariborough Lent Lecture
Mr Mark Tully delivered the 1997
Mariborough Lent Lecture yesterday in Mariborough Town
Hall. Mr William H. Spray, chairman, presided.

### Service dinner Liverpool University Air

Squadron
Air Marshal P.T. Squire, Deputy
Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Personnel), was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Liverpool University Air Squadron held last night at RAF Woodvale. Squadron Leader M.J. Murphy presided, Air Vice-Mar-shal J.H. Thompson, Air Officer RAF College Cranwell, Professor Peter Toyne, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, and Professor Philip Love, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool Univer-sity, were the principal guests.

### Birthdays today

The King of Norway celebrates his

Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, 63; Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist, 82; Mme Jeanne Calment, oldest woman in theworld, 122; Mr Simon Coombs, MP, 50; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 60; Mr Michael Deakin, documentary and film-maker, 58; Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 84; Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 61; Sir John Goulden, diplomat, 56; Sir Baltic Exchange, 72: Sir Michael Grylls, MP, 63; Sir Conrad Heron, former civil servant, 81: Sir Regi-nald Hibbert, diplomat, 75: Sir John McGregor Hill, FRS, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 76; Lord Hunter, 84; Mr Magnus Linklater, former Editor, The Scotsman, 55; Mr Peter McEnery, actor, 57; Mr Robert Mugabe,

President of Zimbabwe, 73; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former Vice-Chancellor, University of New South Wales, 76; General Sir Robert Pascoe, 65; Mrs Bridget Patterson, former Headmistress Felixstowe College, 52; Sir Ashley Ponsonby, former Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 76; Professor J.H.D. Prescott, Principal, Wye College, Kent. 60.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Rich ards, former Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps. 70: Mr Alan Rickman, actor, 51: Professor F.W. Rimmer, former Professor of Music, 83; Professor Roy Storer, former Dean of Dentistry. Newcastle upon Tyne University, 69; Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 72: Mr Leslie Wagner, Vice-Chancellor, Leeds Metropolitan University, 54: Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 53.

## Memorial meeting

Rabbi Hugo Gryn A memorial meeting to celebrate the life and work of Rabbi Hugo Gryn was held yesterday at Con-gress House, Great Russell Street, under the joint auspices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Council of Christians and

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies, presided, Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth, the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council of Christians and Jews, Mr David Gryn, son, and Rabbi Tony Bayfield, Chief Executive of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, gave addresses.

### Memorial service

Mr Johan Fleming Ramsland A memorial service for Mr Johan Fleming Ramsland, former News Editor Television News, World Service, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr John Exelby read the lesson and Mr Ben Ramsland, son, read a poem. Mr Bob Jobbins, Editor News and Current Affairs, World Service, and Mr Peter Shaw gave ad-dresses. Among others present

Were Mrs Ramsland (widow), Mr J J Ramsland (soo), Miss Karen Ramsland (soo), Miss Carole Freeman, Mr A C Haw, Mr Michael Haw, Mrs Joyce Ritts, Mr and Mrs Peter Johnson, Ms Diane McLavery, Ms Dorls Whiting, Mr Richard Worth.
Mr Bob Phillis (Deputy Director General, BBC, and Chief Executive BBC Worldwide) with past and present members of the shaff of the BBC, and many other friends.

### Luncheons

Mid Atlantic Club/ English Speaking Union The Ambassador of The Netherlands was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club/English Speaking Union held yesterday at Dart-mouth House. Lord Ezra presided. National Sporting Club

Mr John Motson was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Cafe Royal. Mr David Willis, club secretary, pre-

### **Dinners**

**Rutchers' Company** The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was entertained at dinner by the Mas-ter of the Butchers' Company and Mrs Katz and the Wardens and Court last night at Butchers' Hall The Master presented a cheque to the Lord Mayor for his charity and the Remembrancer also spoke. t Ward Clui

Mr Philip Willoughby was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Lime Street Ward Club held last night at the Saddle and Sirloin, Rood Lane, EC3. Mrs Christine Cohen presided. Alderman Michael Everard also spoke. At a meeting held earlier the following were appointed officers for the

ensuing year: Master, Mr Charles Bowman; Upper Warden, Mr Dennis Cotgrove: Lower Warden, Mr Bryan Wakeham. Association of Consulting

Ensineers Sir Martin Laing was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Association of Consulting Engineers held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Robert Reith, chairman, presided. Dr Finbar Callanan also spoke.

## Travellers Club

The Travellers Club, together with the Egypt Exploration Society, held a one-day exhibition on February 19 of the most important recruary to of the most authorizate books in the Club Library on early Egyptian travel and archaeological studies. Dr Peter Clayton, author and lecturer on Egyptology, spoke on the origins of the books and their historical background,

## and is now the Rambert Dance Company. She died in 1982. Church news

Provost of Chelusford The Rev Peter Judd, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Iffley, and Rural Dean of Cowley, diocese of Oxford, is to be Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral (diocese of Chehnsford), succeeding the Very Rev John Moses, now Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, diocese of London.

Dame Marie Rambert honoured

Dame Alicia Markova, the first ballerina of the Ballet Rambert,

after unveiling a plaque to Dame Marie Rambert yesterday -

the anniversary of her birth in Warsaw in 1888. The plaque is

on the house in Campden Hill Gardens, London W8, where Rambert lived for 60 years. After being inspired by seeing Isadora Duncan perform in Warsaw, Rambert went to Paris and then to Geneva where she met Diaghilev and Nijinsky. In

1914 she moved to London, where she founded the Ballet Chub at Notting Hill Gate which later became the Ballet Rambert

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The Royal Astronomical Society has made the following awards:

Professor Donald E Osterbrock

Lick Observatory, University of California; Professor Donald T Farley, Cornell University.

Professor Cathy G C Constable, Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

University of California.

University news

The following elections have been

Lucy Melissa Turek Withington

James Lancelot Eden Eddis, mod-

Kings College
Elected into fellowships at the Annual Fellowship Election (internal)
with effect from October 1 1997:

Aled Wynne Jones, BA, whose

dissertation is entitled "Observa-tions and Analysis of the Cosmic

Microwave Background" and Jonathan Wylie, BSc, whose dissertation is entitled "Geological

The Rev Chris Briggs, Priest-in-charge, St Stephen's Chapel, Stan-ley, Hong Kong: m be the incumbent, Norton (St Albans). The Rev Simon Brown, Curate, St Luke's, Holbrooks: to be Associate Minister, All Saints, Holy Trinity and St James, Old Milverton

(Coventry). The Rev David Butterfield, Vicar, Lilleshall w Sherifftales: to be also Rural Dean of Egmond (Lichfield). The Rev Michael Caddy, Team Rector, St. James the Great, Shirley: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Patrick, Salter Street and Dean-Designate of Shirley deanery (Birmingham). The Rev Margaret Cameron, Cu-

rate, Whipton: to be Rector, Hemyock w Culm Davey, Claybidon and Culmstock (Exeter). The Rev Mary Crameri, Acting Principal, Southern Training Scheme (STS): to be Ministerial Development Officer and Deputy Director, Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme external

(STETS). The Rev Sharon Crossman, An-

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### lican Chaplain at the University of the West of England: to be also an Honorary Curate, Almonds-

bury (Bristol). The Rev David Mills, Pa Assistant to the Archideacon of Leicester: to be Assistant Priest, Bottesford and Muston: Barkestone w Plungar, Redmile and Stathern; and Harby w Long

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Clawson and Hose (Leicester). Resignations and retirements The Rev Gordon Jessup, Rector, Thurton w Ashby St Mary, Bergh Apton w Yelverton and Framingham Pigot (Norwich): to retire

February 28.
Prebendary William Massey, Rector, St Deinst, Llangarron; Christ Church, Llangrove; St Dubrichus, Whitchurch; St Swithin, Ganarew (Hereford): to retire May 31. The Rev Alan Postlethwaite, Team Rector, Kidderminster St Mary and All Saints w Trimpley. Pranche, Broadwaters and Upper Arley (Worcester): retired January

Prebendary Robert Sharp, Vicar,

April 30. The Rev John Vellacon, Chaplain, St Michael's, Nerja, Spain (Europe): to retire March 31. The Rev Kenneth Young Vicar, Healey and Staley (Newcastle):

All Saints, Claverley, and Holy Innocents, Tuckhill (Hereford): to The Rev Jackie Treetops, Curate, ternewton (Ripon): to retire

## **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.W.D. Bewsher and Miss J.M. Ashby The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs Bill Bewsher, of Blacket Place, Edinburgh, and Journa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ashby, of Manor Farm, Sutton Valence, Kent. Mr L.J. Camilleri

CHRIS HARRIS

and Mass A. Gwynfryn-Evans The engagement is announced between Ivan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Camilleri, of 5 Scarside, Il-Kortin, Mellieha, Malta, and Amanda, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Gwynfryn-Evans, of the Red House, 23 St Rocco Road, Kalkara,

Mr R.E. Dinwiddy and Miss N. Wijnhof The engagement is announced between Robert Edward, elder son of Oegstgeest, The Netherlands, and Natasha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Lambertus Wijnhof, of Lisse, The Netherlands.

Mr E.J. Evelegh and Miss S.M. Reid The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Robin Evelegh, of Oxfordshire, and Sonia, youn-ger daughter of the late Mr David Reid and of Mrs Kit North-Lewis. of South Harting, West Sussex. Mr R.G.W. Kenyon and Miss K.R. Chappell

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Richard, M.B. Kenyon, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Katie, second daughter of Mrs Doffie Holdsworth, of Northamp-ton, and the late Mr Richard Chappell, and stepdaughter of Mr Dick Holdsworth, of Luxembourg. Mr S.J. Lausdown

and Miss A. Morgan The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs Alan Lansdown, of Banstead, Surrey, and Anita, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Morgan, of

Childwall, Liverpool. Mr R.S. Lawson and Miss D.A. Willis
The engagement is announced
between Robert, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs Keith Lawson, of

Glatton, Huntingdon, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Willis, of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. Mr C.J. Massey and Miss V.F. Fuller

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs IJ. Massey, of Dudley, Worcestershire, and Virginia, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.D.A. Fuller, of Heathfield, East Sussex.

Mr J.P. Orose and Miss C. Clifford The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr Charles Orme, of Totnes, Devon and of the late Mrs Lelia Orme, and Ciara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Clifford, of Milltown,

Co Kerry. MrOWCand Ms J.L. Honigmann

The engagement is amounced-between Oliver, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Schofield, of Farnham, Surrey, and Jo, daughter of Mr Paul Honigmann, of Beaconstield, Buckinghamshire, and the late Margaret Honigmann.

and Miss C.S. Page The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Pratt, of Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs LW. Page, of

Mr M. Scaper and Miss A.K. Howland Jackson The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs Nick Seager, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Anna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Howland Jackson, of Fordham,

Pagham, West Sussex.

Mr R.A. Styring and Miss L.C. Harvey The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Styring of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Lucy, daughter of Commander R.J. Harvey, of Plymouth, and Mrs T.C. Harvey, of Shaugh Prior, Devon.

Mr O.H.J.H. Times and Miss A-L Jay The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Hilton Tims, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Anna-Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Jay, of Leigh, Sherborne,

Dorset. Mr C.A.R. Weston and Miss R.M. Sabben-Clare The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Weston, of Hereford, and

Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Sabben-Clare, of Winchester, Hampshire. Mr A.S. Williams and Miss G.R. Bohling

The engagement is announced between Stuart, only son of Mr David and Dr Isobel Williams, of Essendon, Hertfordshire, and Georgina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bohling, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

and Miss A.M. Macbeth The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, eldest son of Mr Tony Williams, of West Auckland, Co Durham, and Mrs Kate Williams, of Wolviston, Cleveland, and Annabelle May, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Macbeth, of Canterbury,

### Marriages

Mr C. Keville and Miss M. Morgan-Witts The marriage took place on February & 1997, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, between Mr Charles Keville, son of Mr John Keville and the late Mrs Keville, of Leigh, Surrey, and Miss Michèle Morgan-Witts, daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Morgan-Witts, of Kensington, London. The Rev Peter Cowell officiated:

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cecilia Roos, Emily Lean and Thomas Morgan-Witts. A reception was held at Brooks's and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr W.J. Lowndes and Mrs B.L. Harding The marriage took place on Sat-urday, February 15, between Mr Jeremy Lowndes and Mrs Barbara Harding, of Fonthill Bishop.

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, composer. St Germain du Val, 1836: George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, 1859; Sacha Guitry, actor and film director, St Petersburg, 1885; Bernard William Griffin, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Birming-harn, 1899; W.H. Anden, poet, York, 1907; Sir Douglas Bader, Second World War fighter pilot, London, 1910.

DEATHS: King James I of Scotland, reigned 1406-37, murdered, Perth. 1437; Robert Southwell. Jesuit and poet, executed in Landon, 1595; Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, The Hague 1677; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1741; Duncan Edwards, footballer, Munich, 1958; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Muslim leader, murdered, New York, 1965; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, nathologist, creater of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, 1968; Dame Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina, Panama, 1991.

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CORSI - On February 14th at
The Forthand Hospital, to
Monica (hie Von lelen
Salerno) and Stefano, a
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Augustus, a brother to
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MALE - On January 9th, to
Louise and Martin, a son,
Christopher Martin at New
York University Medical
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MOLLASS - On February 17th, to Eachel (noe Lapper) and Richolms, a son, Samuel Anderson Lapper.

LEWES - On February 18th, to Michelie and Collin, our gift from heaven, a beautiful dengitter, Auya Jade. MACHAVISO - On February 17th at The Fortland Hospital, to Lilians and Bruno, a beautiful con Semando, a brother for little

MOAR - On February 19th 1997, to Charlotte (see Donelan) and Danny, a daughter, Katherine Mary. GRESLOW - On 18th February, to Tamara (new Fox) and Robert, a daughter, Sucha Liewellyn. Seattle On 18th February, to Sophie (use Whittaker) and Alastair, a son, Robert BURTHS The Fortland Hospital, to Wendy (née Vellins) and Anthony, a beautiful daughler, Zoe Hannah.

WATERS - On February 13th, to Pricilla (née Phillips) and Reger, a son, Jack Fletcher Daniel. WAY - On 18th February 1997, to Susan (péc Clark) and Nicholas, a son, Caspar George, a brother for Belana and Theodore.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Joan Frances Basset on February 19th, 1997 saddenly at home aged 77 years. Much loved wife of Michael (Bill), adored mother of Femelope, Virginia and Enyony and much loved grandmother of Henry, Felicity, Hevard, Andrew, Miya and Enan. Funeral Service at 11.45 am on Friday, 28th February at Chichester Cathedral followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, doubtions if desired for Action Research for the Ccippled Child may be sent to Edward White 2 Son, 5 South Fallant, Chichester, tel: (01243) 782136.

BIRMEY - Eveline Frances, on February 18th 1997. Dearly loved daughter of the late, the Reversed flaw. Birmey, and the late Mrs Birmey, and and the late Mis Birmey, and for many years Headmistress of 5t Maryanet's School, Bushey, Hertfordshire. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Washington, West Susses on Friday February 28th at 3µm. All enquiries please to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street. Stearington. DEATHS

GESON - On February 18th, suddenly at home, Dr. Noel Harold Ernest, aged 80 years, beloved father of Catherine, John, Shaon and Vanessa, former lecture in Agricultural Zoology at Leads University. For funeral Enthsperies (1943 817575). Donastons (1943 817575). Donastons if desired to The Abharbary Disease Society olo Christopher Huns, Tower Catpal, Golden Batts East, Illier, West Yorkshire 1529 885.

BLACKBURNE - On 19th February 1997 Bridger Senhouse Constrant of Ballassalla, isle of Man at Nobies Hompital, Rem 28th September 1903. Greatly loved widow of the late Sit Ecaneth William GCMG; GBE, LSQ, Moduer of Jenninghring on Toesday 25th February at 12.15 pm and the late Martin. Service of Thanksgiving on Toesday 25th February at 12.15 pm at Malew Parish Church followed by cremation at Douglas Borough Commanded by cremation at Bouglas Borough Commanded by cremation at Bouglas Borough Commanded by cremation at Bedditch Crematorium Douglas Borough Commanded by cremation at Redditch Crematorium 2.30pm. family flowers only. Dometicus if decised water to Save the Californ Fund of Mart House of Man, etc. I Nousing Lamb Hill, Belde, lake of Man Enquiries piezze to T.S. Keggen a Son Lui France Parish College of Man, tel: (01626) 833133.

BROOKE - Elizabeth Helen (née Porbes) "Betty" peaceanilly in her steep at jossph Well Hospice Durchester on Monday 17th February 1997. Memorial Service to be held at St John Strike of Save possible of Rowels and father of Rustrian Service to be held at St John Strike of Save possible of Pers. Mach loved state, sister-in-leading for the property of the Marry 1997. Homorial Service at St Michael's Colchester on 20th February 19th peacefully and comfortably at home on February 19th peacefully and Comfortably at home on February 19th peacefully and comfortably at home on February 25th Februar

Kilika - Irans passed away pencerully on 19th Schrussy 1997 after a long illness. Funeral today Friday Sebruary 21st at 12 noon at the Liberal Jewish Cometery, Pound Lans, Willesden.

LINGES - John Menhinich - on February 18th 1997 pencutully at home with his family, aged 86 years. Service of Thunkegiving at 2pm on Friday 28th February at Hatfield Ranth United Reference Church Noflowers. Denalions to Dunnow District Nones Fund, clo Daniel Hobisson & Sons Lid. 3 Buffelds, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CH21 978. MATTHEWS - Andrew Edward Bertie, died in hospital on 11th February 1997 aged 72 years. Survived by his wife Hamil and daughters Sully and fo. Formerly Consultant Gynnecologist and Obstetzician at West Middlesez Hospital. Donations in Hen of flowers to Spakhoone Cavacrocks clubods Srow, 4 Clarendom Road, Ashford, Middz. Enquiries (01784) 252224.

Office - Dr. Eathleen Grace Notice, General Practitioner Notion, General Fractificate for over 30 years in Kennington, S E London, died peacefully on 18th February 1997, aged 97 years, Survice to take place at St Kicholas Church, Sandhate at 51 Micholas Church, sandhurst, on Thursday 27th February et 3 pm. Flowers on Squattons to The League of Friends, Hawkhurst Cottage Rosgini co C. Wassinouse & Sons, High Street, Surwash, E. Sussex, Tel: (01435) 882219.

SYMOSOS - Dr. Miles at home with his family, on 18th February, aged 67 years. Husband of Edward and father of William, James and Joanne, Puneral at Alf Saints Chunch, Epping Uphnel, at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 26th February, No flowers please, but donations may be made to The Risector, St Maries Hospital, Northwick Park, Harrow or The Practice Manager, The High Street Surgery, Epping.

TEWSOM - On February 18th Phyllis Mary aged 81, deschier of the late Romald and Gertrude Tewson. Fument Service at St Pattis Chunch, Winchmore Hill, on Friday February 28th at 2pm, followed by committed at New Southgate Crymatorium. Family Bowers only, Donations if decided to St Fault Church Clo A Seaward 7 Sons, 448 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, R13 5301.

VALIGHAN JOSESOM - SURAN HAIDRY (Rée Jones) on Wednesday 19th February at Husefield Hospital, beloved wife of Charles and mother of Simon, John and Jill, Family Innersi only. No flowers. Donations instead to Harefield Hospital (Dr. Charles Usley), Harefield, Middleser, UB9 6JH. Sefficient, On 13th February 1997, peacefully at the Physics Hopics, Margets, Andrey Muriel Fenn Mitchell, SRi, a Nightingals, lately of Sundwich, aged 74.

THOMPSON - Edwin John - Teddy - on Tuesday 18th February, aged 75 years. Most dearly leved by his family and by his friends, Finanzi at noon on Friday 28th February at Abrighton Farish Church. Family Course and Page 18th February at Abrighton Parish Church. Parish Church. Femily flowers only, please. Dunations, it desired, to The Editish Digestive Foundation, cir. Hat Claff Matthews, New Cross Hospital, Wolvethampton W710 0QP and to St Mary Magdalene Church, Albrighton, Tel Mrs Anne Sinner, at the Brewery, 01902 329517 for any train to be mat.

to be met.

WICKS - Harold E. peacefully on 16th Relatury 1997 after a short illness. Very dearly loved. Funezai Service on 26th February at Aldershot Park Crematorium at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to a charity of yout choice. All enquiries to E. Finch & Sons (01252) 22221.

MEMORIAL SERVICES CAIRNCROSS - Americe, A service to calchrate the life of America Calcactors will take place at \$5 Columbers Church on Tuesday 25th February 1997 at 2 pm. February 1977 St 2 pm.
GAMLES: A Memorial Service
for Catherine Millicent
Camblen Sister FTS St
Thomas' at Manor House,
Godalming 1943-45 will be
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Thomas' Hospitzi, London
SEI on 1st April 1997 at
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## CHRISTOPHER DRIVER

Christopher Driver, journalist and former editor of The Good Food Guide, died of a brain tumour on February 18 aged 64. He was born on December 1. 1932.

hristopher Driver was a journalist and critic who believed passionately in the application of standards, and was distinguished enough academically to know what he was talking about.

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Driver's view of standards has gone completely out of fashion, replaced, as he would have seen it, by the tyranny of the market — price rather than value. In 1982, in the preface to his last Good Food Guide, he wrote: "When a couple, a family, or even a large international hotel chain engage to cook a meal for paying customers and create a setting in which to do it, not just a skill but a whole personality is put on trial under

an uncomfortably bright light.

This is especially true in Britain, where so much of life is infused by the No. Too enjoyable embarrassments of class in all its delicate gradations; besides, most places large or small in this country are unable to operate, as the French do, beneath a carapace of

technical and cultural confidence."

Driver was the kind of critic who knew his enemies, and was not inclined to reassure those who had betrayed their calling by letting stan-dards slip. He spoke his mind, a habit long-standing and never suppressed. A memo to Alastair Hetherington, then Guardian Editor, in the early 1960s ran: "Since I've started speaking out of turn, can I also suggest that your own interests and sympathies are now too narrowly focused for the paper's good (mine, perhaps, too widely)."

Driver's tenure of the editorship of

The Good Food Guide for a dozen years from 1970 was not surprisingly sometimes uncomfortable. A letter to The Times in 1978 was part of an attempted coup against him at the Consumers' Association, which had taken over the Guide from Raymond Postgate, its founder, in 1963-64. Twelve signatures, a suitably apostolic jury, remonstrated with his presumed dislike of commercially successful restaurateurs and the sharp tone of his criticism.

But the odd blend of democratic and clitist taste, represented by the Guide under his direction, was traditionally based on a wide sampling of selfappointed judges' opinions — the punters themselves who were sternly encouraged to do their bit: "Saints and

Brian Morcom, authority

on tax mitigation at the

Bar and later a Social

Security and Child

Support Commissioner,

died on January 29 aged

71. He was born on May

3L, 1925.

IN NOVEMBER 1981 Brian

Morcom, who at the time had

at the Bar one of the largest

advisory practices directed to

the minimisation of capital

and other tax liabilities, left to

take up an appointment as one

of the Social Security Commis-

It might be thought ironic.

that he should have abon-

sioners.

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the morbid zone and his editorial

There was certainly a bit (perhaps,

even, bite) of a schoolmaster about

him. Food and drink, which he enjoyed

and about which he expatiated profes-

sionally for so long, are comforters

whose enjoyment is usually associated

with a loose corset. Yet Driver, despite

the fact of his firmly Protestant Christian faith and practice, was in no

He had a great capacity for enjoy-

ment - was a music lover and decent

string-player, was a genuine enthusiast

for female company, was a real lover of

good and special food, and was a

devoted anthologiser of poetry and

prose. His collection of sundry literary

figures' jottings about music, Music for Love, which Weidenfeld published in 1994 after his brain tumour had been

excised (only a temporary remedy, sadly), was dedicated to "viola wives"

Christopher Prout Driver was a

Oxford he was for a short

period in the Oakdale Colliery

as a "Bevin Boy", set to work

in the mines instead of being

conscripted into the Armed

Forces. Thereafter he served,

from 1944 to 1947, in the Royal

Army Medical Corps, where

he learnt to type, an accom-plishment which he carefully

kept secret from members of

He was called to the Bar.

Inner Temple, in 1952 and

became the pupil of Alfred

Baden Fuller. He steadily

built up a general Chancery practice until in early 1959 he

produced the first edition of

his Estate Duty Saving.

his chambers.

representative of the old traditions at

agenda perfectly.

way a puritan.

and other partners".

**BRIAN MORCOM** 

Morcom had hitherto been

He was ideally suited to this

new field of activity, and he

discharged the office with

great distinction. His output of

decisions was prodigious, and

he was very rarely appealed to

the Court of Appeal, and even

more rarely overturned. In

1993 he became in addition a

Child Support Commissioner.

born in Carmarthen, the son

of a jeweller, and was educat-

ed at Queen Elizabeth Gram-

mar School, Carmarthen, and

Balliol College, Oxford, where

he read classical moderations

and law. Before going to

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John Brian Morcom was

concerned.

they sleep," he warned. "After 24 hours and further meals, the edges of the impression start to fade."

The raw ingredients would be boiled down in the sub-editorial marmite and. then passed through the mouli of Driver's idiosyncratic literary manners. The Guide reflected in its peculiar way his own modified snobbery. Later, as an obituaries editor, he could seldom resist adding that little extra pinch of coriander, and it got him into trouble: the subjects might be dead, but distinguished obituary writers sometimes resented being so creatively interfered with

However open his editorial policy might be in principle. Driver was too good and engaged a writer to resist the possibility of imposing his own attitude on material. The Guide was very much his voice, therefore, which for some vitiated its supposed dispassionate. objective, comprehensiveness. The fact that Guardian obituaries appeared on what was called the "Personal" page, a title ambiguously evocative of "person-

doned advising the wealthy on ways of reducing their

liability to tax in favour of

dealing with a wholly different

spectrum of society. For as a

Social Security Commissioner

he heard appeals from Social

Security Tribunals, where the

ciaimants were generally pe-

However, the transform-

ation was perhaps not as marked as superficially it may

have appeared. For the same

mental processes were called

into play, and social security

law involved the construction

and interpretation of legisla-

tion even more complex than

the tax statutes with which

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and Greek, he went first to the Dragon School at Oxford and ended up as head boy at Rugby when the Attlee Government was running out of steam. He then took a scholarship to read Classical Greats at Christ Church. Oxford. He was an effective debater in the Oxford Union, But he was firmly non-conformist, a

nonconformist, elitist, yet democratic,

that have almost completely disap-

peared under the present more arrogant and exclusive dispensation.

A late product of the old-style

classical education, centred on Latin

Congregationalist by conviction who attended and helped to restore the local United Reformed Church chapel at Highgate near his home. The first book he wrote, in 1962, was A Future for the Free Churches?. His next book, two years later, was The Disarmers: a study in Protest, a record of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). His father was a medical missionary in India, where he was born. It was perhaps inevitable that he would gravitate to the Left doing his National Service as a conscientious objector with the Friends Ambulance Corps, where he both learnt some cooking and was heavily involved with refugees from the 1956 Hungarian revolt against Communism.

He learnt his trade as a journalist on the Liverpool Daily Post, moving to the Manchester Guardian in 1960. He became features editor of The Guardian in 1964, when his predecessor, the historian John Rosselli, moved into academe. In 1968 he left the paper to research and write a critical exploration of what the university ideal should

be: The Exploding University. Driver created the arts page out of what had been a miscellarry page of various features. During his time the women's page developed into the shape that it has since maintained in most newspapers, though it was only after his return to The Guardian in a freelance capacity, after leaving The Good Food Guide, that food and cookery became a separate (and weekly) empire.

In 1983 he published The British At Table, 1940-1980. His last book, published just this month, was John Evelyn: Cook, a transcription of part of the great diarist's Household Book of the 1680s. He was a bibliophile, and happily continued the second-hand bookshop his father in retirement had run in Shaftesbury. His 1983 reprint of James E. Masters's book on Thomas Hardy's Shaftesbury, beautifully illustrated with superb woodcuts, is a

delightful product. His poems, a slim volume entitled Strokes and including verses, he wrote soon after his first collapse (the initial hint, perhaps, of the tumour that eventually finally, destroyed his ability even to speak), was published last year with equal typographical taste by Libanus Press, Mariborough,

He married Margaret Perfect in 1958. They had three daughters of professionals write their reports before al services", fitted both his approach to the Manchester Guardian, liberal, whom two are professional musicians

This publication, which was

the first substantive work of its

kind directed to tax mitigation,

was far-ranging in its scope

and reflected, among other

things, his earlier Chancery

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devoted himself almost exclu-

sively to tax mitigation, and

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ner. So great was the demand

on his professional time that

probably its leading practitio-

The book went into five

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## DONALD STOKES

Professor Donald Stokes, political scientist, died on January 26 aged 69. He was born on April I, 1927.

DONALD STOKES made nutstanding contributions to the study of political science both in the United States and in Britain. He played a large part in developing the concept of "party identification" which has been so important in all subsequent writing about electoral behaviour. In two pioneering works of electoral research, especially - The American Vater, of which he was a co-author in 1960, and Political Change in Britain, his 1969 collaboration with David Butlet - he exercised a

lasting influence in the field. He came from a long line of Philadelphia Quakers, most of them doctors. All his life he echoed his ancestry, manifesting a calm, courteous, humorous, patrician certainty. His perfect manners and his elegant diction disguised a bril-liant radical intellect.

Academically powerful and original, he was personally kind and understanding. He was perceptive about his colleagues and his students and. if they had any divine spark or human generosity, he was on their side.

His mathematical skills enabled him to take advantage of the coming of the computer age. But he kept statistics in their place; he would often dismiss an article as "a mere survey report". When he presented evidence, he would only use a table to make a clear and specific point. His own prose was elegant, and he would advise others to "let the argument breathe".
As a Quaker, Donald Stokes

escaped military service by working as a pharmacist's assistant in the Merchant Marine for two years, before he went to Princeton University in 1947 for his BA and then on to Yale as a graduate. After getting his doctorate and marrying Sybil, a fellow student.

International Affairs, where he moved to Michigan where he reigned for twenty years, he became part of the team raising large funds and luring that produced in 1960 The American Voter, the most influential of all postwar distinguished visitors to talk with the extraordinarily lively works on electoral politics. group of students that he had

recruited. He also gave lec-

tures that were models of clarity and depth. ence in Ann Arbor led Sir Norman Chester to persuade the Fellows of Nuffield Coll-A lifelong Democrat, he was nonetheless twice chosen as a ege, Oxford, to invite Stokes across the Atlantic to underneutral arbiter to settle party take a comparable work in battles over the redistricting o Britain. He came to Oxford in New Jersey's congressional January 1963 and, in that seais. He was a perfectionist. He coldest of winters, developed a

An encounter at a confer-

lifelong Anglophilia, finding wrote slowly and he gave his many friends at Westminster time generously. His friends and on various campuses.

Between 1963 and 1970, together with David Butler, he lamented the great works on representation and other subiects that never appeared. But in his later years he turned supervised five nationwide surveys of the British electorfrom electoral studies to sciate. These were the basis for ence policy. In seminars and their path-breaking book, Pollectures he explored the ways itical Change in Britain. The in which inventions were first edition in 1969 provoked made and applied and he an aggressive review in The analysed the role of govern-Times from Jain Macleod, but ment in helping or hindering it won the Woodrow Wilson scientific advance. His final monument will be Prize for the best work in the field of political science pub-

published this autumn, as lished that year and it is still Pasteur's Quadrant: Basic used as a basic text in voting Science and Technological Instudies. Stokes later helped to novation. It will at last reach a launch Australian studies wider audience, after the along the lines he had pioneermany years when its key ed in The American Voter and chapters circulated so influentially around the Washington Establishment,

Political Change. In 1972 he moved from Michigan back to Princeton as His wife Sybil survives him. the Dean of the Woodrow together with their two Wilson School of Public and

## DR STANLEY FIRTH

Dr Stanley Firth, former Medical Superintendent, Brighton General Hospital, died on January 24 aged 94. He was born on November 21, 1902.

STANLEY FIRTH had the curious distinction of spending 56 years of his life in hospital residence. He was born at Withington Workhouse Infirmary, Manchester, where his father was Administrator and his mother Matron

From childhood he saw at first hand the conditions and long-term care offered to more than 2,000 elderly and infirm patients in this Poor Law Institution. After his father's death in the First World War, his mother took on the additional role of Administrator and oversaw the development of the institution into a hupe military hospital for more than 2,000 wounded soldiers; an achievement for which she was appointed MBE and awarded the Royal Red Cross. In the circumstances, it was

each year in the period immperhaps not surprising that Stanley Joseph Firth decided ediately before and after the to study medicine, qualifying in 1925 after education at Budget he was at his desk by Morcom spoke Welsh flu-Manchester Grammar School ently and, as a Social Security and Manchester University. After hospital appointments in Commissioner, regularly travelled to Cardiff to hear Welsh the Manchester area he appeals. While at the Bar he moved to Hastings, before being appointed, at the early age of 30, Medical Superinhad been on the Wales and Chester Circuit. He had a second home in Pembroketendent of Brighton Municipal Hospital, which at that time shire and extensive forestry interests in Wales. Having was a Poor Law Workhouse completed 15 years in office very similar to Withington. He last November, he was at the was to remain in this post for the next 35 years. In the Second World War, as his time of his death on the point of retirement, and was looking forward to returning to his mother had done at Withington in the first, he had to adapt the hospital to provide for casualties from the battle-

Firth set a standard of

He married, first. Valerie, who died in 1960, and secondly Sheila, who died in 1986. He leaves a son by his first fields of Europe. academic and clinical excelmarriage and a daughter by lence, but he was also a man of

vision who recognised the need to develop geriatric medicine as a specialised discipline. In the course of his career he saw responsibility for the care of the elderly transferred from the "Guardian of the Poor". through the public assistance committee, to the local council under the public health committee and, finally, in 1948 to state control under the National Health Service. Remark-

ably, the work of administering all the changes needed to transform the Brighton hospital into a large general hospital was achieved with an administrative staff of only two - a senior and a junior clerk.

In 1952 Firth was appointed the first consultant physician in geriatric medcine to the Brighton hospitals, and became chairman of the SE Metropolitan Board Advisory Committee in Geriatric Medicine, a position he held until his retirement in 1967.

He was held in high esteem by his patients and peers alike. and served as chairman of the local British Medical Association before being elected a Fellow of the BMA. He was an active founder member of the Brighton Post-Graduate Centre and president of the

Brighton and Sussex Medico-Chirurgical Society. His recognition of the importance of ancillary services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, chiropody and hospital almoners - now incorporated into the social services led him to represent their interests in Nalgo (National Association of Local Government Officers), and he was vice-chairman of one of the nine Whitley Councils estab-lished within the NHS.

He retained his interest in medicine throughout retirement, keeping abreast of the continuing changes in healthcare. His only regret was that plans for a new purpose-built hospital near the site now occupied by the University of Sussex never materialised.

As a relaxation he developed a deep interest in yachting and was rightly proud of his Board of Trade Yachtmaster's Certificate, for which he studied during the war under the redoubtable Captain O. M. Watts. His boat Falcon II was one of the "little ships" which rescued Allied soldiers from the Dunkirk beaches.

His wife Ada, also a doctor, predeceased him in 1987. He is survived by a son and a daughter, both in medicine.

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famine, new and particularly unpleasant diseases, invasions from another planet, or some such spectacular catastrophe that our Utopian writers can settle down condortably to planning new fashions in asbestos clothing. As to Mr. Wells himself, it would be difficult to decide whether he feels more at home when devising sensational methods of putting the present out of its misery or when assisting at the birth of the future, so often has he tried his hand at both operations ... But familiar as the situation is, with a detailed survey of the present civilisation with a detailed survey of the present evaluation in ruins and rather less concrete suggestions of the glinering future, the film no longer accepts quite readily the premise of so many Utopians, that the future will be completely glorious if only the litter of the present can be completely removed. For this hypothesis is also supported by that other device of the prophets, the mysterious change of heart, which in this instance is very mysterious indeed. It appears that the world will

be saved by mechanics, research students, and especially airmen. Quite studently the airmen -

esumably the same people who caused so much struction in the second world war — emerge

"THINGS TO COME"

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE

### ON THIS DAY

February 21, 1936

Based on H.G. Wells's book The Shape of Things to Come, this remarkable film foresaw war, plague and planetary invasion. The brillians music, still played at concerts, was by Sir Arthur Bliss.

from the ruins endowed with such wisdom. detachment, and nobility as would put Socrates himself to shame.

How exactly this happened Mr. Wells, of course, does not say, but one may have a faint suspicion that it was the result of an almost nystic communion with machinery. The suspiction is increased by the binerness with which Mr. Wells pursues an unfortunate artist who does not care for machinery. In fact at the end the film almost becomes the vehicle of one of those private and enveromed quarrels to which artists of different persuasions are so often prone. But Mr. Wells does not conduct the quarrel quite fairly; as an artist who cares for machinery, which is surely what he is, he scores heavily, but chiefly by deciding all art. And his artist, who

bears the honourable name of Theotocopulos, is given more sins than artistic heresy; he is lootish enough to dislike the habit which the young have now contracted of running into every kind of danger, even in sport. No doubt this is intended danger, even in sport. No doubt this is intended—
it is almost the only indication on the film of any
real concern with the psychological problems of
Utopia—as a substitute for the dangers of war.
But it is not a substitute for the emotions of
hostility, and a civilisation in which such
extraordinary excitement, with rioting, and
revolution, is aroused by a single artist's
blasphemy against machinery can hardly be
quite as pleasant or stable as it appears.
But the message of Mr. Wells's film, emphatic
as it is, may well pass unnoticed at the time before

as it is, may well pass unnoticed at the time before so imposing, one might almost say so beautiful, a speciacle. The scenes of war at the beginning are really appalling: the ruins of a modern English town are thoroughly romantic in the Roman manner, and the new world, with all its machinery and vistas of glass and steel, is so large and glittering, and so obviously a working model, that one cannot imagine how it could have been done. The most extraordinary aeroplanes been done. The most estraordinary aeroplanes move over vast and genuine landscapes, and a whole underground town is displayed with no trace of cardboard in its construction. In fact, with such a setting Mr. Wells's story, however doubtful his implied arguments may appear and however loose the speeches, cannot fall to carry the speciator away. Any rhetoric against such a background is superh background is superb.

## THE TIMES TODAY

### NEWS

### Freedom for Bridgewater accused ■ Three of the four men jailed for murdering Carl Bridgewater

18 years ago are expected to be freed today after the emergence of new evidence supporting their innocence.

The men will be brought from prison to the Court of Appeal, where lawyers for the Crown will outline scientific evidence suggesting that the police indulged in malpractice to extract a confession. The three - the fourth died in 1981 - will apply for bail pending a full hearing. They can then hope to receive about £190,000 compensation for their years in jail ....

### Labour U-turn on child benefit

Labour is preparing to back down over its plan to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds in another policy U-turn. The move follows Gordon Brown's decision not to impose a 50p top rate of tax for those earning more than £100,000 ....... Page 1

### Beijing tension

A mood of nervousness gripped Beijing as Deng Xiaoping "went to meet Marx". The tension was exemplified when four young Chinese attempting to lay flowers at the Martyrs' Memorial were grabbed by police Pages I, 12, 13 Constitutional clash

John Major and Tony Blair traded blows in an electrifying Commons clash that thrust the constitution into the centre of the general election battle. Pages 1, 8

Old Oxford victory Age triumphed with the help of beauty at Oxford University when dons agreed to restore voting rights to academics aged over

### Currency denial Tony Blair and Gordon Brown

have delivered their firmest indications that a Labour government would not join a European currency in 1999 .... .....Page 2

### Rescuers' anger

A sea rescue service has criticised three policemen who took a yacht into notorious waters during the storm on Wednesday night. Two of the men and a teenager drowned ...

### Gunman jailed

A disturbed gun enthusiast who fantasised about a Hungerfordstyle shooting was jailed for four and a half years for drugs and firearms offences... ...Page 5

### Screening risk

MASS health screening programmes may harm healthy people while helping only a few who are sick, experts say. Page 6 Verse purse

The Poetry Society paid dearly for suggesting that a publisher took money to put up with unpublishable verse. It agreed to pay £58,000 legal costs..... Page 6

## Gallery funds

Galleries throughout Britain received their largest single injection of cash since the Museums Act of 1845, which decreed that town councils could spend money on public collections...... Page 9

## Forces pay deal

A new pay and career structure for the three Armed Forces, including a fairer deal for single servicemen and women, was announced by the Ministry of ... Page 10

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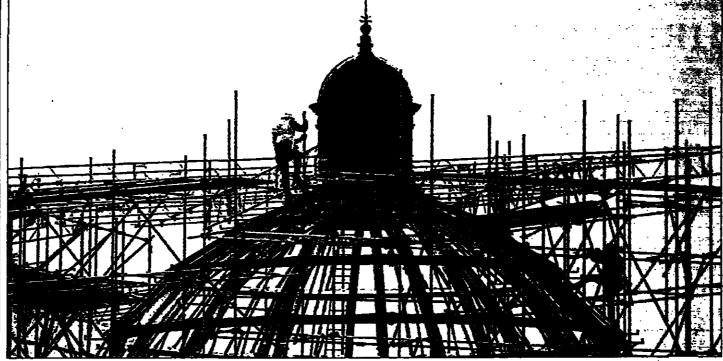
The trial in Italy of Frank Williams on manslaughter charges over the death of the motor racing champion Ayrton Senna is threatened with collapse...... Page !!

### Moynihan outburst

Daniel Moynihan, the veteran Democrat senator and keeper of his party's conscience, turned against President Clinton demanding an immediate independent investigation of illegal campaign funds...

## John Howard steals Keating's clothes

■ It is the sort of ancestral record that Paul Keating, the former Australian Labor Prime Minister, would almost have killed for - a forebear who was sent from Britain as a convict. His successor, the conservative John Howard, has been told that his great-grandfather, Thomas Barker, a lame shoemakers's boy, was shipped in 1835 for stealing clothes.... ....Page 15



Scaffolding is put around the dome of the Corn Exchange, Manchester, during restoration of the city centre after the IRA bomb last year

### BUSINESS

Economy: The Confederation of British Industry reduced its forecast of economic growth in Britain, blaming the strong pound for the cut from 3.1 per cent to 2.8 per cent during 1997 ... ... Page 23

Receivers have been called into Scottish Pride, the dairy group which recently lost a contract to supply Safeway. Kwik Save had also said that it would end its .. Page 24

Scottish Amicable invited bids to be made for the company by the end of February and said it would recommend which bid to accept by the middle of March ...... Page 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 1.3 to 4356.1. Sterling fell from 97.6 to 97.3.

falling from \$1.6120 to \$1.6112 and

### Schmeichel may face criminal charges after incidents in matches between Arsenal and Manchester . Page 44 Cricket: England beat New Zea-

land by four wickets with seven

SPORT

Football: Ian Wright is likely to

balls to spare, their first win in 13 one-day games against Test-playing nations. Rugby union: England have chosen an unchanged team for the Five Nations' championship match

with France at Twickenham on

.. Page 40 Swimming: Officials of the international governing body are to examine their "unannounced" out-of-competition drug testing DM2.7306 to DM2.7213...... Page 26 | rules .. . Page 44

Great British art: Thanks to £18 face a misconduct charge and Peter million of Lottery money when its modern collection moves to Bankside the Tate can go ahead with plans for a new Gallery of British Art at Millbank \_\_\_\_ ..... Page 33

> ivanov the great: Ralph Fiennes delivers a stunning performance in a fine revival of Chekhov's Ivanov persuading Benedict Nightingale that he has underestimated the

> Free again: Paul Rodgers, owner of the voice that led Free and Bad Company through the Seventies, talks about 30 years in blues-rock and his album. Now ...... Page 34 Electric eels: David Sinclair's album of the week is a wonderful lo-fi

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■ CAR 97

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### Valerie Grove asks the questions and Nick Ross gives the answers including why he is leaving Radio 4's Call Nick Ross ...

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Swiss techniques: A new approach to maths, where calculators are seen as a hindrance, is adding up to success... Wasted talent: 100,000 pupils in Britain stammer but at last real

help is at hand.... ...Page 37 Student power: Higher-education votes should be noted ...... Page 37

### TEPPES

There is something pathetic in the manner in which Deng Xiaoping has died. The dashing reformist ended up in the skin of an old man artifically kept alive politically by a regime with practices from another age. As much as his return to grace in 1977 after his eclipse during the cutural revolution had been imperial, his exit lacked panache. The iconoclastic designer of "the socialist econony of the marketplace" would probably have deserved to be judged more kindly if there had not been ... those blood-soaked days in 1989 - Le Monde lars to our feathered friends. Binding Wish Bill Oddie (BBC2, Spin). Review Matthew Bond goes back to school sixom style ..... Page 47

### Lions and unicoms

Mr Blair's constitutional propos als are outsinly flawed. But there are anomalies on the other side

### Jury judgment

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Master of the Rolls. Lord Woolf, are not natural allies: but both want to see limitations placed on the operation of juries 

### Previous convictions There are none so noble in Oz as those who can boast a felon for a .....Page 19

## MATTHEW PARRIS

If my parents had not wanted a gay son and if medical science in 1949 could have identified that propensity in the embryo, then no power on earth should have prohibited them. from terminating me ...... Page 18

## TESSA BLACKSTONE

The Government's air-quality strategy sets no targets for improvement until 2005; Earlier targetswould have meant shifts in policy. something this Government finds even harder to swallow than the rest of us find pollution ..... Page 18 PHILIP HOWARD

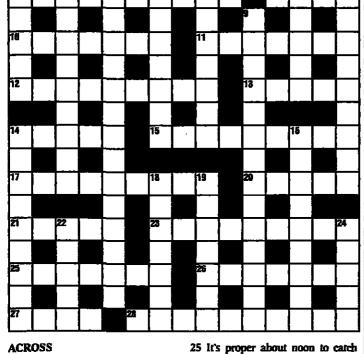
Fools who grumble about the constant electioneering do not realise when they are well off. For once every five years, the professional political class has to suck up to the rest of us and stop its pathetic attempts to improve our way of life. ie reorganise us with unnecessary. mischievous, wicked or counterproductive legislation ...... Page 18

### OBITALIBLE

Christopher Driver, former editor of The Good Food Guide: Donald Stokes, political scientist: Dr Stanley Firth, pioneer in geriatric medicine.... Page 21

Scottish devolution; Labour on job security; Latin and Greek A levels: judgment on Bosnian baby: mixedrace adoption; product placement: privatised railways....

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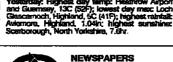
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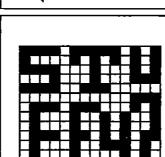


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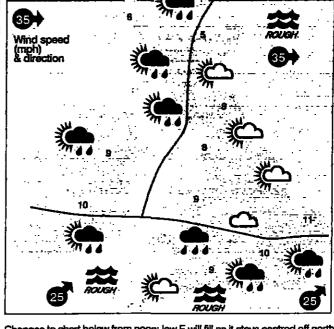
N E England, Borders, Edin-burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Mobe windy again, but temperatures should be above average. ray Firth: scattered showers, but Scotland and Northern Ireland will most places dry with sunny spells. Wind southwesterly, strong, gusting to gale. Max temp, 7C-9C (45F-48F). start with sunny spells and blustery showers, wintry over high ground The showers should become lighter 🗀 Central Highlands, Argyll, N W as rain approaches western Scotland Scotland: blustery showers, mostly later in the evening, perhaps pre-ceded by snow on hills. Gales in dying out, but becoming cloudy later with rain or drizzle, snow on hills exposed parts. Temperatures near Wind west or southwest, strong to gale. Max temp, 7C (45F).

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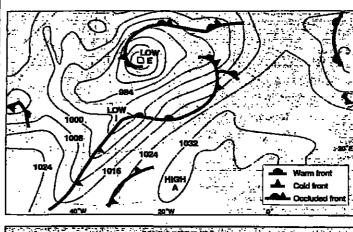
Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: dry in the southeast, rain spreading from northwest across most parts; breezy.

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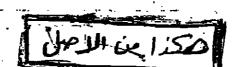


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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 1997

## Barings bondholders could be in line for settlement



BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Barings bondbolders who lost £275 million in the collapse of the merchant bank could be in line for a compensation

settlement in the coming months As the second anniversary of the £830 million crash approaches, ING Baring and a number of other parties are looking for a suitable mechanism to make compensation payments. Since ING, the Dutch banking and insurance combine, stepped in to

tors who bought into one or more of the three bond and loan note issues because of their high rates of interest and the life and pension funds, such as Scottish Amicable and Legal & General.

Britain's oldest Roman Catholic public school, whose charitable trust lost £50,000. Father Charles, the Abbott of Downside, has campaigned tirelessly to replenish the charity's

Another loser was Downside.

The hugely complex negotiations

mounting for such a settlement, towards the payment for investors.

Among the losers were elderly investors are at a delicate stage, If any of the are at a delicate stage. If any of the parties were to contest the proposed payout, which will be in cash rather than fresh loan notes as had been mooted earlier, then the payments could be delayed.

The investors are split into three categories: those who invested in the first \$150 million note issued in 1986, followed by the second \$150 million note issued in 1994, and the 1994 Perpetual Bondholders, which indude Downside Abbey.

The most fortunate are likely to be the investors who hold the 1994 notes. This money was lent on to the one of the companies in the Barings securities arm that is still trading and very large. investors can expect to receive a more enerous offer, but probably not the

LLOYD'S of London yester-

day said it had won a significant court battle with

dissident names over sums

In what was billed as a test

case for 1,681 members who

refused to accept the settlement package, a High Court judge dismissed challenges to the legality of the reconstruc-

However, non-paying mem-bers said the decision was

irrelevant. They said allega-

tions of fraud could yet derail

attempts to collect the £466

Lloyd's had applied for an

order against two names.

Dennis Leighs and David

Wilkinson, which would con-

firm that the reconstruction

was legally sound, removing

many who refused to pay the

cost of reinsuring their old

liabilities finally into a new

Mr Justice Colman ruled

body called Equitas.

owing to the society.

tion and renewal plan.

million still owing.

generous ouer, our partial amount invested. However, the money handed over by investors for the 1986 issue and the Perpetual note will not fare so well and will be less than 50 per cent of the original investment. The cash was passed over to companies within the Barings empire that are in the hands of the administrators. The compensaadministrators which, after the deduction of fees and expenses, is not

Any settlement, therefore, will depend primarily on the amounts contributed by the parties being pursued through the law courts. These include the brokers that issued the notes - Cazenove, BZW, part of Barclays, Hoare Govett, part of ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, and Coopers & Lybrand and Deloitte & Touche, auditors to the Barings group.

Any deal, however, would need to be cleared by the UK courts as "fair

representing Lloyd's, said: "This judgment enables

Lloyd's to pursue all nonacceptors of the settlement who have argued that they are

not obliged to pay the Equitas

reinsurance-to-close premi-

um. Our pursuit will be vigor-ous and, by virtue of this

This was angrily denied by Michael Freeman, represent-

ing Mr Leighs and Mr Wilkin

son. He said fraud allegations

are yet to be resolved: "Until they get judgment on the fraud

issue, there's no way they can

extract a penny piece."

On March 17, Lloyd's will

seek to persuade Mr Justice

Colman that any fraud allega-

tions will have to be dealt with

after the names have paid their

Equitas premiums, under a

The hearing involves look-

ing at the hypothetical impli-

cations of the allegations

being proved right, assessing

Lloyd's claim that the pay-first

judgment, will be effective.

Lloyd's claims

court victory

over dissidents

By Adam Jones

\$\$\$! DOLLAR

Tokyo close Yen 123.64

NORTH SEA OIL Brent 15-day (May) \$19.95 (\$20.30)

London close ..... \$346.35 (\$346.55)

Making tracks Railtrack, the group that owns Britain's railway tracks and stations, committed itself to a El6 billion investment over the next ten years. The move follows criticism for neglecting the rail system. Page 24

On the march Primary Management, the

facilities management arm of catering group Gardner Merchant, has won the contract to manage nonmilitary operations at

# Father Charles: campaigner rescue Barings pressure has been Sterling hurting growth,

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Confederation of British industry has cut its forecast of economic growth to reflect a weakening in export orders because of the

strength of the pound.
In its latest economic forecast, published yesterday, the suggested that GDP growth in the UK for this year, which it had previously estimated at 3.1 per cent, was now likely to be at 28 per cent. strength of sterling against

leading currencies. Growth in 1998 is forecast at 2.6 per cent, and though CBI analysts expect sterling to fall back, they are prepared if necessary to reduce their overall growth forecast for this year by a further 0.2 percentage points if the appreciation

of the pound continues. Sterling's strength has also led to what the CBI called "markedly weaker" figures on manufacturing output, where the growth forecast is down from 3.4 to 2.5 per cent, investment is down from 8.1 to 5.4 per cent growth, and export growth is down from 4.6 to 3.9 per cent.

While underlying inflation is now forecast by the CBI to drop from 25 to 22 per cent this year, it is expected to rise again by the end of 1998 to 2.7

## Windfalls 'will not fuel boom

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND ROBERT MILLER

day moved to play down the potential inflationary impact of windfall pay-ments from the building societies, arguing most of the money will be saved. In a response to the Treasury Select Committee, the Government said that it expects the impact of the £20 billion in payouts to be limited and will not cause a consumer boom as some economists have argued.

Mortgage lending, ac-cording to figures released yesterday by the British Bankers Association, 1090. to E771 million in January. some 25 per cent higher than the recent monthly average. But the Building Societies Association said mortgage approvals fell to £2.5 billion from £2.6 billion. Savers deposited £1.1 billion compared with £634 million in December.

M4, the broad measure of money supply, also rose last month to an annual rate of 9.8 per cent in January compared with 9.6 per cent December. Personal borrowing fell to £366 million from £414 million.

Kate Barker, CBI chief economic adviser, said: "While the overall economic outlook remains healthy, there is a less robust projection for the manufacturing sector as exports and profits growth come under pressure." While the CBI's forecast

includes an assumption of interest rates rising by half a point in the third quarter of this year, and then by the 1998, the confederation insisted that this was not meant as a policy recommendation, and said it still saw no need for a further rise in rates now.

CBI leaders said that sterling's appreciation and the asyet unclear strength of consumer spending were the main uncertainties surrounding its new economic forecast. While political factors were an uncertainty as the election drew close, the confederation said it saw nothing to fear economically in any change of government.

Questioned specifically about the prospects for the economy if a Labour government is elected, Ms Barker said: "There is nothing in terms of macroeconomic outlook that would concern us for an 18-month period." She added, however, that there were aspects of microeconomic policy, such as Labour's plans for a minimum wage, which did

concern the CBI. The CBI said the impact on industry of the rise in sterling was clear too in evidence from its latest monthly industrial trends survey. Export demand for manufactured goods weakened this month, with a net balance of 12 per cent of companies reporting falling exports, compared with 8 per cent in January.

Sudhit Junankar, CBI associate director of economic analysis, said the ligures "confirm that manufacturers' exports are being squeezed by the upward march of ster-But other figures showed that the rising trend in manufacturers' price increase expectations was now falling away, which the confederation: said pointed to a "promising outlook" for output, price



## Rank Group expansion to create 3,000 jobs in leisure

RANK GROUP will create 3,000 jobs in the UK this year as the company continues to expand its diverse leisure inerests, ranging from the Odeon cinema chain to the Hard Rock Cafe.

The biggest new develop-ments include a £25 million entertainment complex in Southampton, complete with a multiplex cinema, bars, nightclubs and a Grosvenor casino. Rank is also opening a £100 million Oasis Forest Holiday Village in Penrith, Cumbria. The company's plans to rollBy Alasdair Murray

out the Hard Rock brand are expected to begin next month, with a rock music show to be broadcast on VHI, the US music station. The programme has won \$30 million in sponsorship from Pontiac, the US car brand. Rank, which spent £300 million reunifying the Hard Rock brand last year, has also formed Hard Rock Records, which will be launching compilation albums this year.

Rank also aims to develop 20 new Tom Cobleigh pubs, after its £123 million purchase of the chain last year, as well as ten new Mecca bingo clubs. Details of the expansion plans came as Rank unveiled a fall in full-year profits, be-fore tax and exceptional items. from £408 million to £297 million because of the impact of accounting changes and the sale of part of its stake in Rank Xerox, the photocopier com-pany. But Rank shares rose 27p to 442p after hints that it is

Pennington, page 25 Buy-back hopes, page 25

buy back shares this year.

## BBC in Flextech pay TV link

By Eric Reguly and Alexandra Frean

THE BBC yesterday approved in principle a £150 million joint venture with Flextech, the cable and satellite TV programmer, to launch the BBC's first subscription channels later this year. A parallel deal with Discovery Communications. Flextech's sister company in the US,

is understood to be delayed. The approval "with qualifications" of the Flextech-BBC joint venture was made at the BBC board of governors' meeting and an official announcement is expected before the end of the month. People close to the talks said that BBC and Flextech need more time to work out some

relatively minor problems. The tax treatment of certain aspects of the deal is one of

Flextech, for example, has to buy out Pearson and Cox Communications, the minority shareholders of UK Gold, one of the most profitable pay-TV channels; before it can transfer the channel to the joint venture.

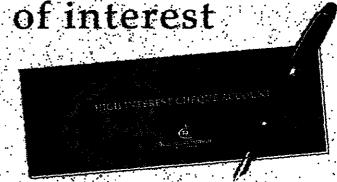
It is not known precisely why the BBC-Discovery talks have bogged down. The sheer size of the deal - the start-up investment is \$500 million - has made it more complicated than the Flextech transaction. The BBC revealed in September that it was in negotiations with Flextech and Discovery to launch the pay channels on both sides of the Atlantic.

The BBC-Flextech joint venture is to launch eight channels. BBC Showcase, BBC Style, BBC One TV and BBC Horizon are also to be shown by British Digital Broadcasting, the consortium formed by Carlton, Granada and BSkyB to start digital terretrial transmissions next year, BSkyB is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times.

### that Mr Leighs and Mr Wilkinsystem is essential. son's criticisms of the Equitas In the meantime, Mr Holden said Lloyd's would be able scheme were not "arguable defences" for non-payment. to pursue many other debtors who could not allege fraud. Philip Holden, the solicitor Aldershot, Page 29

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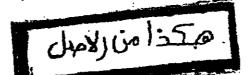
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## Norwich tops up **Tessa** savers

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A SUFFOLK schoolteacher who took his building society to court for paying uncompetitive interest was yesterday "delighted" that it had decided to reim-

burse 16.000 more savers. Robert Anthony, 49, sued the Norwich and Peterborough after it cut the rate of his tax-exempt special savings account, despite claims that it would pay a "very compet-

The society had said originally it believed it had "good grounds" to appeal against the judgment, but had decided not to. After receiving up to 100 letters from other customers, it decided to reimburse them. Martin Armstrong, Norwich and Peterborough group chief executive, now plans to pay up to £2 million in compensation to other savers who opened similar Tessas.

A member with a maearly 1992 who invested the maximum £9,000 will receive approximately £265, the same as Mr Anthony. Those who invested less than the maximum, or who opened accounts at different times. or whose accounts have not yet matured, will be paid similar sums.

Mr Anthony said: "It is an incredible result. I am glad that other people have written in and complained, as I did. It just shows that even if you are a small saver you can get results if you are persis-tent." A Norwich and Peterborough spokeswoman said: "At this stage, members who have, or had. Tessa Elite accounts need take no action and we will be contacting them. The society has given careful consideration to the judgment which does not set a precedent. However, we have decided to pay in this particular instance additional interest to other members with Tessa Elite circumstances."

Mr Anthony believes a further 3,000 savers are entitled to compensation.

**TOURIST RATES** 



Sir Robert Horton yesterday pledged to produce a railway second to none from the £4 million a day investment programme

able" levels of spending. Sir

Robert conceded yesterday

that "it has taken us longer

than we expected to get

investment programmes mov-

ing but that by the end of

March, the company would

have overtaken the regulator's

target and by 2001 spent El

John Edmonds, chief execu-

tive of Railtrack said the station

repairs programme was on the

brink of being launched, and that there would be several

hundred stations clad in scaf-

Senior company executives

said Railtrack would be

spending between £900 a year

on renewing the railway infra-

structure compared with be-

billion more than the regula-

tor's demands.

folding very soon".

## Railtrack plans £16bn investment programme

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAILTRACK yesterday committed itself to a £16 billion programme of investment in Britain's railways over the next ten years - the equivalent to £4 million a day — after being criticised for neglecting the system since privatisation. Sir Robert Horton, chairman of Railtrack, pledged himself to

'second to none" as he unveiled the company's ten-year network management system. Railtrack shares rose 112 p to 42212 p yesterday, a new high. They were offered at 190p to private investors in May 1996. The programme involves about £5.7 billion being spent on maintaining the network in its current condition and about £10.2 billion on up-

grading and modernisation. The programme will involve the overhaul of about 2,500 km of rail and 1.200 bridges as well as showpiece projects such as the £1.5 billion West Coast Main Line upgrade and the £600 million Thameslink 2000 project.

More than 2,000 stations will also benefit, with 49 staproducing a railway that was tions having more than £1 million spent on them and four -Paddington, Waterloo, Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Central - receiving £25 million or more of investment.

The publication of the document comes after criticism of the company's early invest-ment record from John Swift, the Rail Regulator, who ac-cused it of "wholly unaccept-

the studio would be floated.

but would give no other

The flotation would make

the 65-year-old studios, recent-

ly used for productions of

Sense and Sensibility and 101

Dalmations, the only major

studio in Britain to operate as

tween £400 million and £500 million under British Rail. The announcement was

Receivers

called in

at Scottish

**Pride** 

By Sarah Cunningham

SCOTTISH PRIDE, the milk

processing company spun off from the Scottish Milk Mar-

keting Board, was put into

receivership yesterday owing

Blair Nimmo, the receiver, of KPMG, said the company, which employs nearly 800 people and is 80 per cent owned

by Scottish dairy farmers, had been affected by the loss of two

contracts with the Kwik Save

The intention is to trade the

business on and sell it as a

going concern." Mr Nimmo said. Staff will all be paid this month and he hopes to keep.

any job cuts to a minimum.

Long delays in talks with Robert Wiseman Dairies, a

would-be buyer of Scottish

Pride's fresh milk business.

because of disagreements over conditions laid down by the

Office of Fair Trading, added

Shares in Scottish Pride.

which has struggled in diffi-

cult market conditions since

its spin-off in 1994, were

suspended on the Alternative

Investment Market yesterday

at 422p. Its two trading

companies have been put into

receivership, while the hold-

ing company is unaffected but has almost no assets. Wiseman, whose offer to buy Scottish Pride's fresh milk

business was referred to the

Monopolies and Mergers

Commission last year, said

that, despite two months of talks with the Office of Fair

be too commercially sensi-tive," said William Keane,

Wiseman's finance director.

However, he hoped that a

compromise could be reached

and that the acquisition could

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be completed.

to the group's troubles.

and Safeway supermarkets.

around £30 million.

welcomed by the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, the main passenger watch-dog, but attacked by unions and Save Our Railways, the rail lobby group, as "a sham". Jimmy Knapp, general secre-tary of the RMT rail workers union, said Railtrack's plans

fell far short of the figures needed to clear the back-log of spending. Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, urged the Rail Regulator, to go through the proposals with "a fine tooth comb to make sure Railtrack deliver on their investment promises".

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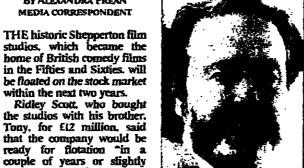
### **US** court Shepperton owners put notice flotation in their script lifts GKN

SHARES of GKN recovered By Alexandra Frean

22p to 93512p yesterday after the UK automotive components manufacturer said there may be a significant reduction in the \$347 million damages awarded against the company by a North Carolina jury. GKN said the US District

Court in Charlotte, North Carolina has issued a notice concerning the likely nature of its resolution of certain matters in the so-called Meineke case that may lead to a reduction of 30 per cent in damages. Last December a jury award-

ed \$347 million in damages against GKN for allegedly defrauding franchise operators of its Meineke discount mufflers. Last week it was reported that lawyers have filed for compensation of \$740 million. The parties have been directed by the court to agree a formula for allocating the damages. GKN said the outcome would not affect the 1996 dividend.



a public company. The brothers have invested an estimatdding stages, offices and

for the construction of exterior Hollywood Reporter, the film

derstood that they now plan to invest nearly £6 million more on post-production facilities by the end of this year.

The investment is in line with their stated aim when they bought the studios in September 1994 of making Shepperton one of the leading post-production centres in

Europe.
In 1996, Shepperton made
an operating profit of £2.9 million on revenues of Eil.2

films, including Four Wed-dings and a Funeral, have been made at Shepperton, west of London. Working Title's *The Borrowers* has just finished filming there. A film version of the classic tele-vision series Last in Space will go into production next

## MP and Halifax in exchange over Bill

DOUGLAS FRENCH, the campaigning MP and chairman of the all-party Commons Building Society Group, yesterday stepped up the pressure on the Halifax to honour the spirit of his Building Societies (Distribution) Bill when it becomes a £10 hillion bank this summer. Mr French's Bill would help the elderly, widows and the distribution bank that summer. and the disabled, whose accounts are held in trust, to receive ex-gratia bonus payments on conversion. In a curt exchange of letters yesterday Mr French said the society could issue an "unambiguous" statement of intent to follow the spirit of his Bill.

The Halifax said it had received legal advice that such a move would mean recalling and re-issuing the transfer documents and lead to a delay of at least a year. The society added that to alter the bonus system now, as Mr French proposed, could mean lower payouts than the proposed average of £1,300.

## Factors bought by FNB

FIRST NATIONAL BANK (FNB), Abbey National's finance house subsidiary, has bought County Factors of Poole, its third acquisition since May last year. County provides factoring and invoice discounting services to small com-panies. It has £2 million in assets and in the last financial year saw pre-tax profits rise 20 per cent to £646,000. FNB would not disclose how much it had paid. Last year it entered the car finance market with the acquisitions of the Wagon Finance Group and Eithon Holdings.

## Easynet loss grows

EASYNET, the Internet service group that raised £2.6 million in its AIM flotation in March, phinged deeper into the red with 1996 losses of E971,000 before tax, compared with £107,500 in the previous year. Acquisition of Pavilion Internet and UK Online and expansion into France caused a fourfold increase in administrative expenses to £2.7 million, matched by a 400 per cent rise in the number of customers to 17,000. Losses were 6.34p a share (28p loss). The shares, rising since the signing an Internet deal with Microsoft in September, improved a further 4p to 66½ p.

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## German rates frozen

THE Bundesbank yesterday left German interest rates unchanged, unsurprising news after the central bank said M3 money supply had grown strongly in January and the highly regarded IFO economics institute showed business confidence rising. The discount rate was left at 2.5 per cent after the bank's regular fortnightly council meeting and the Lombard rate was unchanged at 4.5 per cent. The key repurchase rate was left at 3 per cent. M3 money supply grew at an annualised 11.7 per cent, faster than expected. Reonomic View, Page 27.

### Ramsdens raises cash

HARRY RAMSDENS, the fish and chip shop chain, has raised £1.5 million via a share placing to fund expansion. The company expects to open ten restaurants this year, expanding the existing chain of 21 outlets in Britain and overseas. The placing coincides with the opening of the company's restaurant in Singapore and its second in Dublin. The shares were placed with institutional investors at 344p each. Existing shares rose 2½p to 347½p.

## Pension progress slow

MORE than £80 million in compensation and costs has been offered to more than 10,000 people who have been mis-sold personal pensions, according to figures from the Personal investment Authority, the regulator. This still means that more than 550,000 victims of mis-selling are yet to be compensated. The total compensation and costs bill could top £4 billion. The PIA hoped that changes in the review process announced at the end of last year would begin to speed up the process.

### Accounts win awards

THE 1997 annual awards for published reports and accounts have been won by Kingfisher, the retailing group, and Hodder Headline, publishers. Their accounts were praised by the judges as examples of best practice in corporate reporting. But the overall state of corporate reporting in the UK was criticised by Nigel Macdonald, the Ernst & Young partner who chaired the judging panel. He complained of frequent "unsubstantiated optimism and flannel".

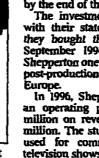
## Chiquita \$50m in red

CHIQUITA Brands International, hurt by the costs of flood damage to its Central American banana plantations, lost \$87.5 million in the fourth quarter of 1996, nearly double the company's \$46.8 million loss in the last quarter of 1995. The net loss for all of 1996 was \$50.6 million, compared with a profit of \$9.2 million for 1995. The 1996 results included fourth-quarter costs of \$58.3 million for flooding in Guatemala and Honduras.

### Trading, they had not been able to agree a compromise under a couple of years". million. The studios are also A spokesman for the Britover the demand that the used for commercials and ish-born brothers, who are television shows. More than 600 feature Ridley Scott: investment company regularly supplies among the world's leading its prices to the OFT for film directors, confirmed that possible publication. "It would

ed £8 million in the studios,

acres of land next to the site sets, according to the The



They have also acquired 20

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☐ Brown at the EMU Olympics ☐ Rank brings the curtain down ☐ Scottish Amicable ignores its true owners

DI GORDON BROWN yesterday gave a firm commitment on any future Labour government's policy on British membership of the European Monetary Union.

There, that should have set a few hearts beating for the party of th

few hearts beating faster at Labour Central Office. Mr Brown did nothing of the kind, of course. A tangible commitment is not the right move at this stage in the electoral game, on any subject. What Mr Brown accom-plished was yet another Olym-pic-level performance in political

fence-sitting.

In a speech in Washington he listed the conditions Labour would look at before deciding if Britain should join EMU. Half militate against such a move, half seem to encourage it. As with Labour's views on a wind-

with Labour's views on a wind-iall tax on utilities, the eventual policy can therefore be justified whichever way it goes.

If all are applied, the five economic conditions would seem to suggest the 1999 target date for joining EMU will not be met. This plays well with the prevail-ing political climate, and the practicalities. Anyone who be-lieves that the main players are lieves that the main players are all in any fit state to hit this deadline is living in another economic galaxy. Germany should, Italy won't, for example, The irony is that the public sector borrowing figures on Tuesday suggest that Britain may have

Labour stays firmly on the fence

less difficulty than most. Let us list Labour's five-part test. Mem-bers of EMU should ideally not be at different stages in the economic cycle. This is an argument against EMU, in that they always are: one of the strongest arguments against union is that it prevents interest rates and other economic levers being set at different levels across the community in response to local

Labour's second test relates to this. There must be enough flexibility to respond to any economic problems that arise.

Logically, another anti.

Britain would have to be certain that employment here would not suffer. Set aside the social chapter for a second and higher having a second and higher the social chapter for a second and higher the social chapter for a second and higher the second and second and higher the second and second higher business costs, and orthodox arguments on EMU suggest that British jobs would be lost if we stay out — 2.5 million at risk, according to the CBI. A pro, therefore. There would likewise have in be no progrative impact on have to be no negative impact on inward investment - another pro, in that a Britain outside should be less attractive to Far East or American manufacturers looking to sell within Europe.

Except that both those last two tests can be argued the other way. The social chapter might put jobs at risk, while it might equally repel outside investors. Labour's fifth test is equally two-headed. There must be no

damage to the British financial services industry. You can argue that if we do not join, business will shift from the City to Frankfurt or wherever. Or you could say that a City positioned offshore from monetary union would be ideally placed as a go-between with the outside world. It could cut both ways; nobody really knows. As ever with EMU, nobody really knows.

### Gong with the wind

☐ ANOTHER famous image from Britain's film history heads for the dustbin. The figure that strikes the Rank gong — first played by Bombardier Billy-Wells in 1935 — was created in a more innocent age to represent the melding of sound with a "perfect physical specimen". Like other bits of Rank's back-cat-





alogue, such as the Carry On films, the dear old Bombardier seems to have had its day.

But Rank's decision to pull out of films was announced on the same day that Ridley and Tony Scott, the film director brothers behind hits such as Blade Runner and Top Gun, said they were preparing to float the Shepper-ton film studios that they bought two years ago. The Oscar nominations, meanwhile, point to continuing British critical success, while Polygram is proving that non-Hollywood studios can make money.

The British film industry is in

one of its regular periods of revival. The independent sector led by production companies such as Working Title and

successful internationally on a

successful internationally on a budget that in Hollywood would harely pay for the key grip.

Rank is pulling out of films because companies such as First Leisure and Carlton are hinting that they may be prepared to take the medium seriously and buy the business. The revival of the multiplex, the continuing popularity of videos and the proliferation of television chanproliferation of television chan-nels has actually increased the number of outlets desperate for decent movies.

Any buyer will, however, still have to convince a deeply sceptical City that has lost money before. Rank pulled out because, as Andrew Teare, chief executive, says, he cannot justify risking shareholders' money. This mentality pervades the institutions, which do not under-

stand film-making with its com-plex cross-funding and large risk element. Shareholders prefer the burns-on-seats approach that epitomises the rest of Rank's businesses. But Rank's multiplexes still need blockbusters to pull in punters. Perhaps a more

Revolution are proving that the British can make films that are able to persuade its shareholders able to persuade its shareholders that a revived Rank film business could help plug the gap.

### A question of trust

THE trouble with stuffing wish-lists to Father Christmas up the chimney is that the people who actually pay for your presents may not be able to afford them all. Scottish Amicable's statement of principles to be used to identify the best bid should be equally irrelevant. It should be up to the potential bidders, the Abbey National, GE Capital, the Prudential and whoever else, to

decide what they can afford. The danger with ScotAm's 14point list of conditions is that it may obscure the real deciding factor, price. Admittedly, the price offered and the impact on the with-profit fund are high up the list. But the insurer's insistence on deciding which bid will succeed in a huddle with advisers means that the people who own the business, the with-profit

policyholders, will not be consulted, but, instead, presented with a fait accompli.

ScotAm has always seemed to take the view that its ownership is a matter try arrang and too

is a matter too arcane and too difficult to be left to the owners. This explains the palpable sense of shock when the management's earlier, and with hindsight wholly inadequate, proposals were blown out of the water by the Abbey.

It is only in the strange world of mutual insurers, controlled by trustees on behalf of the members, that such a state of affairs could exist. The arguments in favour of demutualisation are a long way from overwhelming, but the stance being taken by ScotAm's managers provides one of the strongest.

### Deng's legacy

ScotAm sets a

bid timetable

THE reaction in the Far East to the death of Deng Xiaoping ill-ustrates the first rule of marketwatching, which is that forecasters always get it wrong. The Last Emperor's death would send shares tumbling like skittles, we were told. So the wise money on such volatile markets sold well ahead of the event. His death was therefore a non-event, and indeed a buying opportunity because the uncertainty was lifted. Did anyone really think the im-mortal leader would live forever?

## IMI set to shed 670 jobs

BY OLIVER AUGUST.

IMI. the international engineering group, is set to shed 670 jobs at its Yorkshire Alloys subsidiary, which faces closure after

Consultations with

unions are under way but workers in Leeds and Sandwell, West Midlands, could find themeselves on the dole within 90 days. Barry Pointon, executive

director, said: "We are obviously mindful of how the people in these local-ities will be affected by the closures. We will be trying to find alternative employment within the group to the extent that it is practicable."

IMI investigated the po-tential for restricturing; and tried to sell Yorkshire Alloys but failed Mr Pointon said: "We have looked at all other possibilities, but unfortunately

IMI said, the company had experienced difficult trading conditions and lost £19 million over the past

Costs from the closure were expected to be around £25 million, which will be included as an exceptional item in the results for the year to December 31, due to be published on March 10.

THE TIMES/DILLONS CRIME FORUM

The art of

crime writing

TWO of Britain's leading crime novelists, Minette Walters and Colin Dexter, will discuss the art of crime writing at a Times/Dillons Forum at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 4, at

the Institute of Education, London WCl. The audience will

Dexter's books are worldwide bestsellers and his

Inspector Morse television series topped the ratings with 18 million viewers. Minette Walters has also had television

success with The Sculptress, which will be followed in

The admission price includes £2 off the price of Walters's

new novel The Echo (Elo.99) and El off Dexter's Death is Now My Neighbour (E9.99), both published by Macmillan. For full details of how to book, see coupon (below).

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## Rank shares surge on hopes of buy-back

By Alasdair Murray.

THE PROSPECT of a further share buy-back and optimism over the coming year helped Rank Group reverse a long decline in its share price (See Pennington, this page).
Shares in the leisure com-

pany jumped 27p to 442p after Rank strongly hinted it would use part of the proceeds from the sale of its 20 per cent stake in Rank Xerox to fund a

second share buy-back. Rank has already said it will ask for permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares, valued at £360 million, at its annual meeting in April. Andrew Teare, chief ex

tive, said the company would look at the buy-back option again when it had completed the sale of the stake, which is expected to raise up to £1 billion. He added that Rank had resolved most of the tax problems surrounding the sale and would begin discussions with Xerox over a buyout soon.

Rank also confirmed that it is putting its film distribution unit up for sale, adding that it had received several expres-

sions of interest. The unit is valued at about £75 million. Rank unveiled a fall in profits, before tax and exceptional items, from E408 mil-lion to E297 million. The results were complicated by a change in accounting procedures and the sale of part of its

stake in Rank Xerox. On a like-for-like basis, profits increased by 6 per cent. Exceptional charges totalled £232 million because of restructuring costs and writedowns on the sale of businesses. Overall turnover

rose 9 per cent to £2.1 billion. many said looking to open ten Hard Rock Cafe sites this year, having completed the unification of the brand for £300 million. The restaurant chain increased profits by 12 per cent to £46 million with the new cases adding £8 million to profits.

The leisure division lifted profits by 10 per cent to £92 million, buoyed by a good performance from its Mecca bingo clubs. Rank said admissions at the clubs rose by 10 per cent in the second half with operating profits also rising sharply.

Odeon cinemas had a

record year, boosted by hits such as Toy Story and Independence Day and the Tom Cobleigh pub chain, bought last year, performed well.

The film and entertainment services division increased profits by 24 per cent to £86 million. But profits in the holiday division slipped from £67 million to £66 million. The company's share of

profits from Universal City, the US theme park, rose to £14 million. Rank also received £49 million in gross dividends from Rank Xerox, against £58 million last year..

The total dividend rises 8 per cent to 17p. A final of 12p is payable on April 23.



### SCOTTISH AMICABLE, the beleaguered mutual insurer, declined yesterday to comment on rumours that it is in talks with GE Capital Services, over a possible capital injection. Sandy Stewart, Scottish Amicable's chairman, remained tightlipped over this latest development in the complex struggle for control of the company (see Pennington, this page). GE Capital, a subsidiary of the American industrial giant General Electric, also declined

to comment on the speculation. GE Capital provides finance for companies in the aircraft. auto and property businesses.

A joint venture with GE Capital would resemble the original demutualisation proposals put forward by Scottish Amicable. These relied on "substantial financial backing" from Swiss Re, the reinsurance group, and its affiliate

By ANNE ASHWORTH Securitas Capital. This muchcriticised plan was shelved when both the Abbey National and the Prudential launched takeover bids. They were followed by six other companies.

> lian insurance company, and Fortis, a Dutch insurer. Yesterday Scottish Amicable said the outcome of discussions would be known by mid-March, and all bidders must table firm proposals by February 28. The board will recom-mend one offer to the 1.1 million with-profit policyholders who own the company. The board detailed 14 criteria by which it will judge bids.

including AMP, the Austra-

Mr Stewart said he was opposed to the independent review of all bids requested by Scam, the Scottish Amicable policyholder pressure group. Such a review would usurp the role of the board."

## venture

By Sarah Cunningham

Japanese electronics com-pany, as the first NXT licence holder and reached an agreement with Sir Norman Foster's architectural and design practice to collaborate on the technology's possible applica-tions in buildings.

will go to Mission, the Verity subsidiary, so that it can produce the first NXT flat hi-fi speakers, Farad Azima, chief executive, said he was in licensing talks with more than 20 other companies.

The switching of resources to NXT was chiefly responsible for a pre-tax loss of £1.03 million (£1.54 million profit) in the six months to December 31. The interim loss per share is 0.6p (0.5p eps). The company is not paying an interim dividend.

## Verity plans new speaker

VERITY, the loudspeaker maker, is aiming to raise £8.65 million through an open offer to pay off debts and fund production of flat-panel hi-fi speakers using its NXT technology.
It has signed up NEC, the

Some of the money raised

## Extra tests delay eczema treatment

By PAUL DURMAN

PHYTOPHARM, a company trying to develop medicines based on traditional herbal remedies, suffered a setback yesterday when it revealed that UK regulators want more information before they are prepared to approve its most promising product.

The stance taken by the UK's Medicines Control Agency will delay the launch of Zemaphyte, a treatment for severe eczema, by 18 months or more. Phytopharm said that it will now be the last quarter of 1998 before it has the results of the additional tests demanded by the MCA. Shares in Phytopharm fell by 23p to 1851p, cutting its

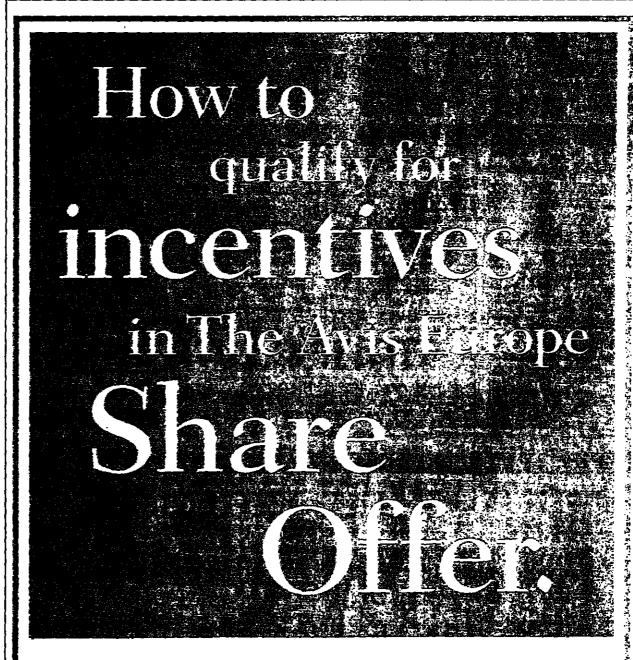
about £57 million. Richard Dixey, the company's chief executive, said the ews was a positive develop-

market value by £7 million to

ment, in spite of the delay.Dr Dixey said he was "absolutely confident that this is not a long farewell" - that the MCA remains genuinely interested in Zemaphyte. He added: "I am sitting on £8.5 million [of shares] here, and if I thought it was a long farewell I would not be spending imore money] on Zemaphyte."

The MCA wants Phytopharm to exercise stricter quality control over the ten Chinese plants that are used to make Zemaphyte. The MCA also wants more information about the mix of chemicals that go into the

Phytopharm has decided to shelve plans to build its own £2 million manufacturing plant in Huntingdon.



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## Proteus jumps 42% on BSE screening success

ONE man's meat is another man's poison. Douglas Hogg. the Agriculture Minister, has been attacked from all sides for his handling of the BSE crisis, while Proteus International hopes to make a fortune out of diagnosing the disease in cattle.

Shares in the pharmaceutical group soared 17p, or 42 per cent, to 5712p after announcing that its diagnostic technology had been developed under licence by Enfer Scientific. The assay test had been approved by the Department of Agricultural Veterinary Research Laboratory in Ireland and will allow beef carcasses to be screened for BSE.

Proteus developed the technology in collaboration with University College Dublin and has granted a worldwide licence to Enfer to conduct tests on carcasses for BSE. David Gration, chairman of Proteus, said the deal had the potential to generate significant revenue.

In the broad market, London failed to hold on to early gains, which took it to a new intra-trading high of 4,362.4. Investors were wary in the wake of the overnight setback for Wall Street and a further 41-point fall by the Dow Jones industrial average yesterday set the seal on an uninspiring performance. The FT-SE 100 index finished 1.3 down at 4,356.1, although turnover proved heavy with more than one billion shares changing hands.

Asda suffered a setback, falling 314p to 11312p after NatWest Securities and Kleinwort Benson, the brodations. NatWest has warned of a slowdown in sales growth after a period of recovery. It has reduced its pre-tax profits forecast for 1997 by £5 million to £340 million and for 1998 by £25 million to £361 million.

International touched £11.9412 before settling just 10p better at £11.5712 on unlikely talk about a bid from Reuters, 512p stronger at 672p. Instead it seems more likely that the shares have now been oversold and should benefit from the expected sale of its consumer publishing business, which could fetch as much as £250 million.

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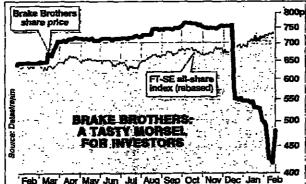
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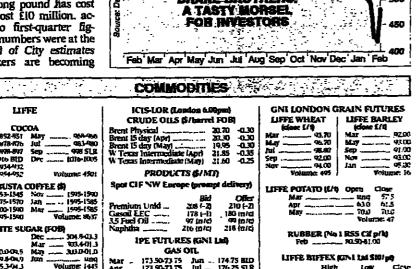
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in General Cable as the price slipped lp to 17912p. Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, has placed 33.4 million shares, or 9.15 per cent. at 173p. The holding belonged to 'Singapore Telecom.

The City may be having a change of heart about Brake Brothers, the family controlled food distributor. A profits warning in December saw the price plunge from a peak of 765p



| 130p. Brokers are hoping some positive news will accompany trading figures due soon. It firmed ip to 133p.  Railtrack seems to be back in favour with the shares climbing 11 <sup>12</sup> p to a new peak of 422 <sup>12</sup> p. Its network management statement, published yesterday, committed the group to spending £16 billion | There was also heavy turnover in Centrica, with the price rallying 334p to 7014p as the bears came under pressure. Many had sold short ahead of yesterday's auction by US holders of the shares after the demerger. It had been thought that up to 150 million shares might find their way back to London. In the event, the final figure was only 40 million. |
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## Keeping track of the money

RAILTRACK leads a charmed life. The regulator has been bleating about underspending on track maintenance and renewal: a belated recognition of what the stock market had known for at least six months. Yesterday, Railtrack retaliated with a well-used but effective public relations ploy; the "big number". The company reeled off a lengthy works programme which added up to some £16 billion over ten years. So, why did the share price perk up after news of such heavy expenditure. The answer first, because the investment is so large and, second, because the investment need not be so large.

In fact, the £16 billion is only what Railtrack promised in its prospectus; no new expenditure is budgeted. Nevertheless, even if Railtrack achieved a feeble 7 per cent return on its investment, the market could expect a

gain of £100 million a year. More interesting is the question of precisely how much will be invested. As far as the regulator is concerned, it is not money spent but work done that matters. These budgets were set up when Railtrack was a public utility. In the crueller private sector. Railtrack can be expected to play hard ball with maintenance companies when contracts come up for renewal. Discounts of as much as 25 per cent are mooted.

The only worry left is that Railtrack is a prime target for the utility tax. However, even the Labour levy should not concern investors unduly. With gearing of only 24 per cent, the company could pay its tax bill and buy back its shares in the same year. After all, the rolling stock companies prospered with gearing of 400 per cent; an income guaranteed by Her Majesty is such good security.

### Phytopharm

PHYTOPHARM is the company for those who find the biotechnology sector a bit humdrum. Run by a Buddhist who is uneasy with capitalism, Phytopharm's gambit is creating medicines based on Chinese herbal

"Herbaceuticals" require a leap of faith from the drug regulators because they comprise a mixture of numerous chemicals, rather than a single identifiable compound. This always threatened to make regulatory approval a difficult business. hence the recent setback.

After months of positive noises, Phytopharm yesterday had to reveal that the UK's Medicines Control Agency is demanding more information about Zemaphyte, a promising eczema treatment. Expectations that

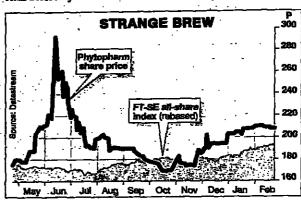
sary additional data will not arrive until late 1998. City supporters are still smiling and putting a positive gloss on this development. They say it shows the regulatory authorities are prepared to take herbaceut-icals seriously.

Zemaphyte would be ap-

proved in a few months time

have been dashed; the neces-

All the same, it is hard to believe there will not be further regulatory difficulties. In the circumstances, yesterday's 23p dip in Phytopharm's share price looks distinctly modest. At 18512 p, they could fall further and Phytopharm investors will need to adopt a Buddhist-like acceptance of fortune's slings and arrows.



### Scottish Pride

THE RECEIVERSHIP of Scottish Pride is a blow not only for shareholders but for consumers, too. Since it was spun off from the Scottish.
Milk Marketing Board, Scottish Pride has had to contend with a retail price squeeze and an increase in raw milk prices. Under-capitalised from the start, Scottish Pride was forced to borrow £30 million to modernise and then found itself unable to raise fresh capital.

At first, Scottish Pride resisted the advances of Robert Wiseman Dairies, its only milk market. Finding itself in dire straits, talks ensued only to result in a referral of the takeover to the MMC. Since conditional clearance, talks have concentrated on selling the fresh milk division, but Robert Wiseman has refused to agree to the TI's condition that it pub-

sh wholesale prices. The stalemate has been

disastrous for Scottish Pride, which lost its two largest contracts. The irony is that Robert Wiseman could well now reach a compromise with the OFT and pick up Scottish Pride for a song, gaining control of a big slug of the Scottish dairy market, with all that entails for consumers. For the dairy farmers who are the main shareholders in Scottish Pride, as well as its suppliers, the outlook is even worse: after creditors are paid, the cuphoard is likely to be bare.

### Grantchester

funds were turning up their noses at retail park investments, offered on yields of 9 to lo per cent. Yesterday, Granchester picked up 11 parks at yields of 6 to 7 per cent, raised £65 million in a premium-priced rights issue --and saw its share price soar.

Grantchester, the property company in which Burford Group holds a large stake,

would like to do for sheds what Capital Shopping Cen-tres has done to malls - and the ambition is not so absurd. Even after yesterday's big splurge, the company's gross assets will total only £220 million but retail parks are now hot properties, changing hands for yields appoaching 5 per cent. The shift in sentiment is in part due to the belated realisation by institutions that there was no point in sneering at sheds when edge of town rents were growing at twice or three times the rate on a typical high street. Moreover, you cannot ask for more security

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| Three Mth Sterling                                |                                    | Mar 97               | 93.73<br>93.55         | 43.75<br>43.99       | 93.72<br>93.54     | 93.75<br>93.58         | 7745<br>18995          | Netherland<br>Norway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
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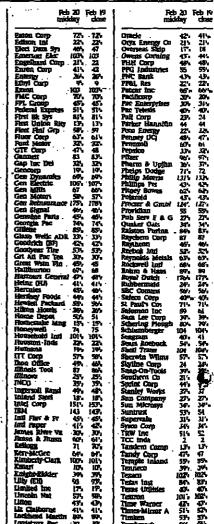
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now fully decoupled from the bond market as rental growth is now an expectation rather than a hope. The problem for Grantchester will be to find deals before the institutions bid up prices further.

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## Shadows take centre stage

LABOUR'S assiduous courting of the City has paid off handsomely. Tony Blair, David Blunkett, and Margaret Beckett were all at this week's Investors in People awards dinner, sponsored among others by Imro, NatWest and the Corporation of London.

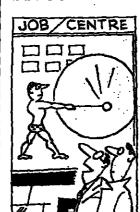
The Opposition picked up a commendation for best presentation and won the innovation award for originality, flair and success. Yet amid the cries of "bravo" and air kissing there was hardly a Conservative MP, let alone a minister in sight. Is this a sign of what's to come?

### Catarina wheel

A FETCHING member of the Leigh-Pemberton clan, frolicking in a straw-filled wheelbarrow? Surely not. Flicking through this week's issue of Country Life, an eye catching picture of the former Governor's daughter-in-law catches my eye. Married to Robin's son, James, managing director, equity markets at CS First Boston, Catarina is a fulltime mother of three. Posed in the extensive grounds of the couple's manor house in Kent, Catarina is dressed head to toe in Loewe, nestled lovingly next to her favourite horse "Jacko".

### Divorce hotline

THE latest company perk! Free divorce advice. Bosses are dredging their coffers for lawyers to guide employees through marital break-ups and domestic disputes. The first scheme of its kind in the country is being offered by Bristol-based Law Express. A seven-day legal hotline is made available for anyone from the cleaner to the manager; companies pay according to the number of calls made to the firm.



"I hear they have several thousand Rank vacancies"

## Chips are down

A QUARTER of a million pommes frites were consumed at Asda stores across the country yesterday. To celebrate National Chip week and its successful "Chip Crusade", the supermarket chain invited customers to take part in a complimentary tasting session. Asda launched its chip crusade last month, to bring down the price of the frozen variety after manu-facturers failed to pass on evings from plummeting tato prices to customers. Within a week of chopping the price of all its chips in its freezers to the same level, manufacturers were forced to cut theirs too.

### Corking idea

CITY epicureans gathered at Eatons at The Minster this week to celebrate the wine bar's fifth birthday. A free lunch being a thing of the past, the assembled party were required to dig deep in their pockets, and raised £500 for Lindon Lodge School for handicapped children. Steve Upot, a trader at Bardays Metal, bid £140 to spend a day's work experience with host Chris "Chubbs" Haynes, not a bad investment considering the champagne that Haynes consumes. A more sober Upot rells me: "I'll be travelling for the next two

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ECONOMIC VIEW



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# Talk of delaying economic and monetary union is premature

Euro-diplomacy is probably

geared more to detaching Italy than unhinging EMU itself

there is an irony in the fact that the financial markets, so often cast in the role of objective realists, apparently remain blissfully confident that a broad economic and monetary union is on track, but Europe's politicians, so often tainted by vainglory and wish-fulfilment, have started to doubt whether the single currency is now feasible on deadline.

Talk of delay has suddenly become common currency in Germany, where it matters most. Partly because of the ambiguous stance of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, towards running in the October 1998 elections, all the major political players have started jockeying for position more than 18 months in advance and the question of the single currency is the one that most exercises them.

Given that German opinion polls show a big majority against giving up the mark, this is hardly surprising. In spite of this, there was crossparty support for monetary union until recently, but there is now some doubt about which way major political figures will jump on the issue.

The triggers for this outbreak of genuine uncertainty are the Italian Question and the German Problem, which are heavily inter-related. Italy, led by Romano Prodi, has manoeuvred itself into a highly public position at the centre of the single currency debate and is proving a major embarrassment for Germany. Like a starstruck schoolchild from a lower class who attaches himself to a sixth-form prefect, Italy is dammed difficult to shake off, but the effort dominates current German thinking.

For there is one thing that German politicians of all colours are united on and that is that voters will not wear a monetary union in 1999 that includes the lira and so hopelessly compromises the mighty mark and its thoroughly converged northern European satellites. And yet, thus far. Germany has been outwitted by Italy with the help of France. The die was cast in November when Italy persuaded its partners to call the European monetary committee meeting that led to its re-entry into the exchange-rate mechanism. Once that meeting was called, and France made it known that it favoured Italy being invited into the race towards the single currency, it was inconceivable that Germany could keep it out without provoking major turbulence in the markets. Once Italy rejoined the ERM, it became a highly visible

candidate for monetary union.

Now Germany is working furiously to find a formula that would keep Italy out of the first wave. The most obvious way to ensure this is to demand strict adherence to the Maastricht treaty's convergence criteria, which Italy would surely fail to do. But this strategy means, of course, that Germany also has to



meet those criteria and meet them unambiguously, without creative accounting. Now enter the German problem: last month's rise in unemployment to 4.7 million, the highest level endured since the 1930s. That, opposition Social Democrats were quick to point out, blows a huge hole

opposition Social Democrats were quick to point out, blows a huge hole — DM10 billion according to some—in this year's budget calculations. The Government's own estimate for the deficit in this Maastricht test year is 29 per cent, perilously close to the treaty's upper limit.

Jürgen Stark, Germany's Deputy Finance Minister, insisted after Monday's meeting of European linance ministers in Brussels that 2.9 per cent was a "carefully calculated figure in which we have already considered all

would take further corrective measures to combat any further falls in tax revenues. One such widely discussed was a public spending freeze for the third year in succession, but, by Tuesday, Germany's ruling coalition had ruled this out "for the time being". Increasing industrial and social unrest is not something with which Germany's leaders feel comfortable and tightening the fiscal screws further, to qualify for a single currency that most Germans do not want is not an attractive option. But. for the time being, the alternative of delaying monetary union, is even less palatable and it is probably still perfectly possible for Germany to meet its deficit target — if it wants to. But does it want to? The best guess is that Germany would love to go ahead if it could be sure that the single currency's membership comprised the core that is already clustered around the mark and that the euro so created would come up to the standard demanded by the German public and its champion of sound money in Frankfurt.

Anything less is anothema, hence current dark mutterings about secret meetings to plan for delay, talk of strategies already in place to introduce the idea gently to the currency and bond markets. One veteran watcher of the French political scene had lunch last week with some senior French officials. They aroused his

suspicions that something was afoot simply because they had never, in his experience, said so little. The rumour mill is grinding along well.

It is certainly the case that Europe's central bankers, the constituency most worried about a fudged EMU, are discussing game-plans for delay, and one strand of current opinion has it that a postponement could be announced within months. But even in the current atmosphere of doubt, this still seems somewhat far-ferched, not least because Europe's politicians fear that they wouldn't be able to manage the fallout from a delay announcement. Many are scared that delay would be tantamount to giving up on the single currency project perhaps for a decade or more, partly because the markets would not be convinced that a one-year postponement really meant one year. And political considerations make delay unattractive. Unlike Britain, which believes in its bones that this silly single currency nonsense could be put aside so that all effort could be concentrated on important matters such as EU enlargement. Brussels and many European capitals see the single currency as the politically unifying force on which the rest of the European programme depends.

And even if delay is on the cards. announcing it now appears to be bad tactics. On the political front, as Alison Cottrell, of PaineWebber, points out, the ink has hardly dried on tough 1997 budgets. Are Europe's governments really prepared to go to heir electorates at this point, saying that they have crippled their economies to qualify but the single currency isn't going to happen after all? Such a U-turn would dwarf sterling's sojourn in the ERM as a source of pointless economic pain. How much better, for example, to wait until November and use the European Monetary Institute's report on which countries make the grade as the excuse to delay. Central bankers have broad enough shoulders - in their own interests — to take the blame.

Another argument against an early delay announcement is the fear that intrinsically useful economic convergence would be derailed now instead of later. And pertinently for Europe's struggling economies — and Germany's in particular — there is a risk that money would pour into the mark, which would soar with untold damage. It is only the present weakness of the mark that is giving the German economy a breath of life.

On balance, current talk of delay is most likely being used as a stick to beat potential members of monetary union into reinforcing their convergence efforts rather than being seen as a genuine short-term option. And European diplomacy is probably geared more to detaching Italy than unhinging monetary union itself.

Correction: In last week's Economic

View I wrongly stated that Britain's inflation between 1988 and 1996 averaged 2.96 per cent—the same as in Germany and lower than in America. Britain's average for this period was actually 4.6 per cent, much higher than in either of these countries. The error arose because I read the wrong line in an OECD table, showing figures for Canada instead of Britain. It remains true that Britain has a long record of financial stability, but I should not have over-egged the argument—Anatole Kaleisky

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### BUSINESS LETTERS

## Why UK lags in technology

From Mr Charles Ross
Sir, Bill Gates draws attention to the paucity of computer software being created in the UK and the absence of venture capital compared to the US (Business News February C)

ness News, February 4). The reason is fundamental. New technological products usually come from new enterprises. Established companies rarely innovate. In the US people wishing to start businesses communicate direct with the public to finance their ambitions and their dreams. By contrast UK legislation requires an intermediary, such as a "City" institu tion, or bank to "authorise" every prospectus (Financial Services Act

1986, section 57).

They have a duty of care, so are loath to risk their reputations by putting their names to innovative, or novel projects. Software development requires quite modest sums of capital, which is uneconomic for them to handle.

for them to handle.

This legislation has crippled the commercial development of Britain's inventiveness since it was first enacted to protect the public from the great depression in the Thirties. Nobody disputes that backing young entrepreneurs like Bill Gates, and novel products and services like software involves high risks. There are many small losses but some spectacular returns.

However, the British love to gamble. The highest in the land patronise horse racing. The Bank finances the PSBR with premium bonds. This Government is very proud of starting the National Lottery — yet, we the public are "protected" from investing in the future businesses that will generate the wealth to keep the UK in the first rank of nations in the technological revolution.

The first computers in the world broke enemy codes at Bletchley Park in 1941. Nowadays we own no hardware manufacturer and not one single world-class software supplier. This is not a coincidence. Until we repeal our antiquated, restrictive legislation we will continue to lose out in one technology after another. Yours faithfully, CHARLES ROSS,

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The SILLABLE
Corporation,
Mulberry House,
8 Mount Road,
Lansdown, Bath.

## Layers of hidden agendas on EMU

From Mr Jon Greaves
Sir, Anthony Harris (January 15) looks for hidden agendas in EMU. I suspect there is no need to look very far. I am quite certain Germany will annexe our North Sea oil in the name of a common European resource within days of

signing a treaty.

The Great Game has moved to our doorstep and there is layer upon layer of hidden agendas and things they are not telling us.

I am also constantly

In am also constantly amazed how often the Government prefers to take the flak for unpopular measures imposed upon us by the EU rather than confess it has relinquished its choice in the matter. Yours faithfully. JON GREAVES, Goodfellows, Tilty, Great Dunmow, Essex

## Tested by turtles, a tenor and a train

hen it comes to talking about past mistakes, Frank Warren pulls no punches. Talking about his most embarrassing fator pas, the boxing promoter does not even turn a hint of red. Cynics might cite the High Court ban that prevents him from serving as a company director for seven years, but Warren insists that his biggest blunder was the time he booked Pavarotti for the London Arena.

In 1989, having pinned

down the Italian tenor for a night at his ambitious new multi-purpose venue in east London, which had already cost twice his original estimate. Warren was optimistic that City opera lovers would dig deep into their pockets for the badly needed financial backing. On the big night, however, the Docklands Light Railway was closed for repairs. Trate opera aficionados were up in arms, caught in traffic jams coming out of the City, and were furious at arriving late. Eight million. pounds in the red, Warren threw in the towel. He comes clean: "It was a blow and a

relief at the same time."
Anita Roddick blames one of her biggest mistakes in business on "a lack of dialogue". As part of the BBC's new four-part series Surely. Some Mistake, which started last night, the founder and chief executive of the Body Shoo talks about bringing a



Well-known figures in the business world confess

their errors of misjudgment to Morag Preston



Sir Peter Parker, left, Anita Roddick and Frank Warren readily admit mistakes

small paper-making factory in Nepal under the wing of her beauty emporium. Enticed by the factory's environmental ethics and its contribution within its fragile community, nobody stopped to consider whether customers would want to buy their recycled paper from the same shop they bought rhubarb-scented shampoo. "It's easy to say find other outlets", but it was hard for the young man in charge."

Neville Abraham, the chair-

man and chief executive of

chez Gerard, the London restaurants group that this week splashed out £1.6 million on a trendy new fish eatery, is a management consultant by trade. In 1980, he and his partner, Laurence Isaacson, neither of whom had any catering experience, opened Le Café des Amis du Vin, a successful French bistro in London.

Six months later, their accountant warned them that, thanks to light-fingered staff, they were £60,000 in debt. "When you're very busy, you

don't watch what happens to the food, the drink, or the money," says Abraham. Some stories are easier to

dine out on than others, however. Sir Peter Parker was not quite as comfortable reliving the horror of "Queasy Rider". The confession from the former BR chairman whose highprofile launch of the Advanced Passenger Train completely backfired is not quite as digestible. Despite concerns over the train's design, Sir Peter invited VIPs to board Britain's answer to the TGV on its three maiden

journey ground to a halt only eight minutes after its departure. Government support was withdrawn, and the train now plays host to children's parties in Crewe. And Sir Peter's new motto? "It's always better to be second in business, and let the pioneers take the punishment."

Lynne Franks lines up alongside the high-profile city faces to tell her story of shape. The

voyages. The first passengers complained of travel sickness,

snow stopped the second train

in its tracks, and the third

tell her story of shame. The Duchess of PR tells how she was invited to chair Viva, hailed as Britain's revolutionary radio station for women. Eye-catching posters spread across London, and the launch alone caused quite a stir. Then Katie Turner, managing director, decided to paint Viva offices pink, much to Franks's disgust, A male voice reading the radio station's premier news bulletin was the final straw. Franks now says that she became embarrassed by an editorial policy that ignored the female perspective.

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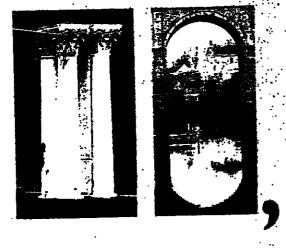
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COMPANY bankruptcies and liquidations continued to

fall last year, although at a slower rate than in 1995, according to figures published by KPMG. Last year, more than 35,000 companies folded as a result of bankruptcy and voluntary or compulsory liquidation.

Bankruptoies fell by just 0.6 per cent to 21,803, with the total number of liquidations falling 4.9 per cent to 13,600,

of which 5,080 were compulsory.

Mike Wheeler, KPMG's UK head of corporate recovery, said the figures were encouraging and predicted further falls during 1997, helped by low inflation and "an ever-increasing feel-good' factor". But he added: "It is too

soon to say whether these conditions will lead to significant reductions. No matter what the state of the

economy there will always be businesses which fail. If an

organisation cannot recognise and adapt to a changing economy, it will not survive."

ARCON, the zinc mining company based in Kilkenny in the Republic of Ireland, yesterday reported its first annual pre-

tax profit. The move into the black by the str-year-old

company resulted from a lr£421,000 settlement of claims

against Columbia Gas, giving Arcon pre-tax profits of

Ir £214,000 for the year to August 31. The company incurred a

loss of Ir£475,000 in the previous year. Arcon expects to ship the first load of zinc/lead concentrate from its Galmoy mine

Investor's happy returns

Arcon in the black

## Army contracts out non-military operations at Aldershot

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORREPONDENT

A PRIVATE consortium was awarded a \$200 million contract yesterday to take over the management of all non-military operations at Aldershot garrison, the home of the British Army.

Primary Management, which has estimated it can save the Army £34 million in running costs over seven years, beat two other compeniors, including an in-house team from Ministry of Defence civilian and Service personnel.

The contract is the largest to be awarded by the Army under the MoD's "competing for quality" initiative in which the ministry's non-core support functions are open to competition in the

private sector. The Army decided that Primary Management, the facilities management arm of Gardner Merchant, offered the best value for money. The decision was endorsed by Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister.

A spokesman for the Army at Aldershot said the consortium would run all the support functions, including accommodation services, stores management, transport, office and secretarial support, catering services, mess management, cleaning, laundry, tailoring and even primary health care. The consortium will also be responsible for the garrison's power station. The transport and maintePrimary Management expects deal will save

Army £34m running costs over seven years

nance element of the contract will involve leasing about 270 cars, vans and trucks, and maintaining some 190 combat service support vehicles.

Although some of these functions are already performed by the private sector. the Army said the new deal would release uniformed personnel for soldiering duties. The contract will run for seven years. The Aldershot garrison in Hampshire which occupies four square miles, cur-

rently has about 5,400 soldiers, 1,300 civil

servants and 6,000 dependants. A further 3.000-4,000 soldiers go to Aldershot each month for training courses.

Primary Management's parmers are WS Atkins, the United Kingdom's largest engineering and construction consultancy, and Lex Transfleet, a joint venture between Lex Service and Lombard North Central. The consortium was advised by Deutsche Morgan Grenfeil.

Before the takeover, there will be consultations with the trades unions and

after a phased implementation programme, the private consortium will be fully in charge of the support services at Aldershot by October.

The main areas that currently involve MoD employed civilian staff are transport, office and secretarial support and accommodation services. The majority of them will transfer to the contractor's workforce and their existing terms and conditions of employment will remain

Garry Hawkes, chairman of Gardner Merchant, said: "Our experience in working with the Armed Forces is an important asset and we are happy to be able to build on this strength over the next seven years at Aldershot."



Tailoring will be one service provided

## Warehouse company to double in size

BY MARTIN BARROW

GRANTCHESTER Holdings, the retail warehousing com-pany that came to the stock market by way of a demerger from Burford Holdings in November, will more than double its size through proper-ty acquisitions worth a total of £121 million, it was announced

The biggest purchase com-prises a portfolio of seven retail warehouses that will be acquired from J Sainsbury Developments at a cost of £73.3 million.

Grantchester is also buying two schemes in Scotland under development by Morrison Con-struction Group for £23.1 mil-

## EMU will improve credit ratings'

By ADAM JONES

ECONOMIC and monetary Union in Europe (EMU) will improve the credit rating of some of the debt issued by member states and institutions, according to Moody's Investors Service the credit rating agency.

The agency said it sees only a small chance of delay to the planned 1999 starting date. It anticipates eight countries joining in the first wave.

Ireland and Finland are among likely first-wave members that would benefit. Bonds issued by them in a non-European currency would be upgraded to prime Aaa status

David Levey, co-head of Moody's sovereign risk unit, said the tight fiscal constraints imposed by countries in the run-up to EMU would also improve

He said: "We have already started to factor in the long-term implications of EMU."

Mr Levey also said gov-ernments who change existing debt into euros from their own currencywould not be seen as defaulting. Despite the upgrades, a member country's creditworthiness when issuing euro-denominated debt would be no different to the rating for debt previ-

ously issued in its own And most of the countries Moody's sees as likely firstwave members - Germany, France, Austria, The Netherlands and Lantembourg - already have across-the-

board prime Asa ratings.



The company is expanding in one of the fastest growing sectors of the property market. There is a shortage of highquality retail warehousing space at a time when demand from major supermarket chains is accelerating.

With superstore sales forecast to rise by more than 40 per cent, 25-year leases are routinely commanded and initial yields are often less than 6

These latest deals mean that Grantchester will have trebled the value of its flotation and doubles the number of units to

Paul Whight, chairman of Grantchester, said: "These transactions will give Grant-chester a substantial presence in one of the fastest growing sectors in the property market." He added that the pace of Grantchester's expansion was notable, given the competition from other property investment companies seeking to expand in the sector and the shortage of new developments

The Sainsbury portfolio will comprise about 394,000 sq ft of space. Pre-lets on most of the units have been exchanged or are under offer. Tenants include Homebase, Courts, Toys 'R' Us, ScottishPower, Pet City, Comet and UB

After the rights issue, trusts representing the interests of Mr Whight and Nick Hewson, who is chief executive and finance director, will hold 15.6 per cent of the enlarged share capital. Burford, which held 24 per cent after demerger, will see its holding fall to 14.6 per cent. The balance of the payment will be funded with new banking facilities of up to £45.8 million and from existing resources.



## on the increase By Robert Miller

**Pensions** 

benefits

MILLIONS of members of occupational pension schemes are being offered a better deal with higher pension payments and more pensions for spouses and dependants, according to a survey published today.

The National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF). whose members represent more than ten million beneficiaries and funds worth £370 billion, says employers are continuing to improve voluntarily the benefits they provide for members of occupational and company pensions.

The twenty-second annual NAPF survey found that 76 per cent of pension schemes were providing an increase to pensions in payment in 1996. In 1975, the first year of the survey, the comparable figure was 35 per cent and pension scheme assets were vorth E8 billion.

The NAPF survey also shows that nearly all final-salary and 76 per cent of money-purchase plans now provide pensions for spouses, compared with 56 per cent in 1976. In eight out of ten private sector schemes, employees are now allowed to join without a waiting period. Contrary to widespread reports, there has been no "wholesale move from final-salary schemes to the less expensive. and less generous, money-purchase plans.

Dr Ann Robinson, directorgeneral of the NAPF, said: Against the background of increasingly complex legislation, it is encouraging to see that good pension provision is widespread in the UK. Given environment, employers will continue to provide and ex-

last year that the United

States should sit on the side-

line for one year while a \$3

billion trust fund to finance

IDA loans for fiscal 1997 was

set up. The stop-gap fund was

needed because a proposal to

lend \$22 billion to poor coun-

## is lifting the dividend to SKr10 from SKr9.

SWEDEN'S Investor, the key holding company in the Wallenberg family's financial empire, said the total return for its shareholders rose 60 per cent last year. This compared to an average increase of only 43 per cent on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Pre-tax profits rose to 9.60 billion crowns (£807 million) from SKr3.05 billion a year earlier. Net asset value rose to SKr78.88 billion, from SKr50.07 billion. Investor

## Hanny jobs for Ireland

HANNY HOLDINGS, a Hong Kong manufacturer of compact discs, is to invest £16.3 million in a new factory in Northern Ireland, creating 150 jobs. Hanny has entered into a joint venture with Ritek, a Taiwanese CD manufacturer, to create Multimedia Info-Tech to produce recordable compact discs and digital versatile discs at the factory on the Springbank industrial estate in west Belfast. The Industrial Development Board is providing £4.3 million in support.

## PC sales growth forecast

JAPAN'S top makers of personal computers yesterday forecast robust sales growth for the next business year given strong worldwide demand. NEC Corp. Japan's largest PC maker, expects sales of its personal computers to rise 20 per cent and it sees similar worldwide growth in demand for PCs and related products in 1997-98. Toshiba Corp aims to lift PC sales to more than YI trillion (about £5 billion) in fiscal 1997-98 from a projected Y730 billion for the current year.

### VFG valued at £5.7m

VPG, the broadcast video, film and grip equipment hire and sales company, will be capitalised at £5.7 million when its shares begin trading on the Alternative Investment Market next Thursday. The company is coming to the stock market by way of a placing of shares at 40p each, raising E3 million before expenses. In the year to the end of November, the company earned profits of £281,000 before tax and exceptional items, an increase of 75 per cent over the previous year.

### Carisbrooke tops £1m

CARISBROOKE Shipping, which operates out of the Isle of Wight, achieved a rise in pre-tax profits to £1.02 million (£922.926) last year. Earnings were 10.88p (10.76p) a share. The final dividend is 2.5p a share, making a total of 3.5p, an increase of 75 per cent over the previous year. The company, which raised £2 million via a flotation on the Alternative investment Market in June, said trading conditions were still tough. Carisbrooke shares fell 7p to 90 2p.

### Celtic Energy plan

CELTIC ENERGY is in discussion with Eastern Group about jointly developing a 350-megawatt power station at Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. The power station would utilise 850,000 tons of Welsh coal annually, much of it produced at Celtic Energy's own open-cast sites. Planning permission would be sought this year, with construction due to begin in 1998. The project would create 600 construction jobs during the threeyear development, and power generation would begin in 2001.

## **Scottish Mutual to** pay £160m bonuses

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

SCOTTISH MUTUAL announced yesterday it would pay £160 million of bonuses to its 624,000 with profits policy holders. Graham Pottinger, chief executive, said most bonus rates would be maintained, helped by smaller costs and an 81 per cent rise in new business premiums last year. In line with the industry, the company has cut terminal bonuses, reducing payouts on long-term maturing policies. It has held bonus rates for unitised life with-profits policies at 7.5 per cent for the fourth year running, but has cut pension annual bonuses 0.5 per cent to 8.5 per cent. The company's 195,000 conventional with-profit holders, who get the bulk of the payout. saw annual bonuses on sum assured and additional bonuses stay at 2.25 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively. For a male non-smoker aged 29, 10-year endowment payouts slipped to £10,891 but on mature 25-year contracts fell 3.9 per cent to £105,288. Maturities on with-

FROM A CORRESPONDENT EUROPEAN and Japanese donors to a World Bank fund that lends to 79 poor countries are to allow American businesses to bid on \$1 billion worth of contracts if Congress approves the payment of money the US owes.

The International Development Association (IDA) lends money to countries with a per capita annual income of less than \$905 for development projects, including agriculture, health, education and profits personal pensions fell road building.

Non-US donors decided

tries over three years starting last July could not proceed until the US contribution was certain. The Europeans and Japanese said US companies could not bid on the development projects because their Government had not paid its

US given incentive

to pay fund debts

## Japanese operations

around 4 per cent.

OANTAS, the Australian airline in which British Airways holds a 25 per cent interest, yesterday pledged to shake-up of its Japanese operations after announcing that its once highly profitable Japan route had contributed virtually nothing to its net profits in the half-year to December.

Gary Pemberton, chairman, admitted Qantas would be reviewing everying to the way it sells its products in Japan after a sharp decline in performance from the route, which three years ago accounted for most of Qantas's international profits.

In spite of the setback in Japan, Qantas produced a better than expected 2 per cent rise in half-year net profits to A\$151.4 million (£76 million). Some analysts had expected net profits to fall as A\$116 million. Mr Pemberton said escalating fuel prices had wiped more than A\$50 million off profits and that in the absence of any real revenue growth, profits had been maintained by cutting a further A\$237 million from costs.

He said: "The outlook for the

remainder of the 1996-97 year is mixed. Revenues are not expected to grow quickly, fuel prices are forecast to remain high and price competition is expected to continue in most markets."

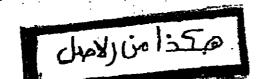
compared with the same period last year, and net passenger revenue was virtually flat. Profits from international operations edged up from A\$163.3 million to A\$168.3 million, while profits from domestic operations fell from A\$93 million to A\$88.2 million. Cost-cutting came largely through improved aircraft utilisation, reduc-

tions in aircraft operating and a A\$90

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## Drive to target program pirates

**DISGRUNTLED** workers travelling home on the London Underground are heing targeted by an adcouraging them to inform on employers who use computer

programs.
The Business Software Alliance, which represents a consortium of worldwide software houses, is offering a £2.500 reward for information that could lead to a successful raid on

The advertisements. scheduled to run in every Northen Line carriage until May, show a man whispering into a phone beside the slogan, "£2.500 if you blow the whistle".

The Northern Line dubbed the "misery line" by its regular users - was chosen because of its concentration of computer employees. The Northern Line runs through the City of London and branches out into the Covent Garden area, which the alliance is particularly keen to target.

A spokesman said: "The campaign will definitely catch the attention of people going to work, and more importantly, on their way back from work."

The alliance says that two in every five computer programs used by businesses is pirated, costing the industry about £287 million a year. Britain is ranked as the world's seventh worst offender in software piracy.

While programs such as Microsoft Word cost some £600 in the shops, it can be copied in seconds on to a floppy disc, which costs 70p. Windows-based computer systems have made programs increasingly

easy to copy. Since its hotline was set up last May, more than 800 calls have been made, providing 200 leads. This enabled the alliance to take action against 70 companies, and collect settlement fees of more than



Howard Bell, left, will become chief executive, while John Van Kuffeler will take on the role of executive chairman at the next annual meeting

## Provident Financial looks to acquisition trail for growth

By Marianne Curphey

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL. the home credit company. yesterday announced in-creased pre-tax profits of 17 per cent to £118.5 million for the year to December 31 and said that it would continue to consider growth by acquisition. The company also hinted at a possible share buyback as a way to improve shareholder

At the same time, it was

Warde-Norbury would retire as chairman at the next annual meeting. John van Kuffeler, currently deputy chairman and chief executive, will take up the position of executive chairman. Howard Bell, currently group managing direcwill become chief executive.

Provident Financial makes small, unsecured loans of an average £300 to £400 to lowearning households and uses

9,650 agents to collect the payments on a weekly basis. It has more than 40 per cent of the market and analysts have questioned what it will do with its growing balance sheet.

Mir van Kuffeler said he believed the clearing banks would continue to avoid involvement in the target market that Provident deals with. Farnings rose to per cent to

29.31p a share and there will be a final dividend of 10p, making the total dividend for

The company is a specialist insurer for female drivers, credit division increased its second cars and non-comprepre-tax profit 21 per cent, from £91.9 million to £111.4 million. That marked the fifth year of Provident said that it had strong growth at the division. been determined to protect margins and had therefore The number of customers

the year. However, fierce competition

grew 9.5 per cent, from 1.2 million to 1.3 million, during

in the motor insurance market meant that pre-tax profits fell

policyholders, from 802,000 to 595,000, over the 12-month Overall, this reduction, plus a policy of changing to lower risk, lower premium drivers, meant written premiums fell

> 33 per cent. Provident Financial has begun a restructuring programme to cut down on the heavy costs associated with home collection.

increased premiums over the

year. However, this led to a

drop in the number of motor

The traditional branch network has now largely been replaced by regional administration centres, and administration of credit is being

## New Medical plans float to finance safety syringe

has designed a syringe to reduce the risk of the accidental transmission of hepatitis B and HIV will announce its intention today to raise as much as £15 million in a stock market flotation.

New Medical Technology wants to use about half the funds to build a factory in Scotland to produce the Zero-Stik, aimed at the growing market for safety syringes.

Panimure Gordon, the company's financial adviser and stockbroker, expects New Medical's shares to be listed on the Alternative Investment

Market by April.

The chief feature of the Zero-Stik is a spring-loaded needle that automatically disengages and shoots into the body of the plunger once the plunger is fully depressed.

Other safety syringes either require the user to pull a plastic sheath over the exposed needle, or snap it off and place it inside the used syringe for protection. One popular product requires five separate steps to render it safe.

Researchers have estimated that the American market for safety syringes will expand from the current 25 per cent to 80 per cent by 2001. The global market for disposable syringes, including intravenous catheters, is valued at US\$3 billion a year.

In North America and Europe, needlestick injuries are said to cause several hundred cases of hepatitis B and HIV a year. The US Food and Drug Administration is under pressure to require safety features on all syringes.

The Zero-Stik was invented by a Scottish engineer who ants to remain anonymous. He is an investor in New Medical and will be given royalties on the sales. New Medical was formed in 1994 by Garry McGrotty, the commercial director, to exploit the

technology. John Campbell, now chief executive, joined a year ago and helped to raise about £1.25 million from private investors.

A SCOTTISH company that most of them Scottish, to develop the Zero-Stik. Patent applications have been filed in 45 countries.

New Medical realises the product will be a hard sell unless it is priced cheaply. The list price for safety syringes ranges from about US\$0.35 to US\$0.65 against US\$0.15 or less for a standard version. The company would not re-veal the Zero-Stik's expected

If the flotation succeeds, New Medical will begin automated production of the Zero-Stik by the end of next year. The factory will employ up to 100. Production will be licensed to other manufacturers depending on the popularity of the product.

## Abbott link lifts Shield shares

By PAUL DURMAN

SHIELD Diagnostics, the small Dundee company that is developing a revolu-tionary test for heart disease, yesterday announced a link-up with Abbott Laboratories, believed to be the world's biggest medi-

cal devices group.
Shield's share price, which had already doubled in the past two weeks, jumped another 80p, to close at a high of 416 2 p.

The deal with Abbott Diagnostics will give Shield access to Abbott's instruments, reagents and training. However, Shield's City supporters believe the Abbott deal may prove to be much more significant for the future of its test for Activated Fact XII, the blood clotting agent that is be-lieved to be a good predictor of the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Erling Refsum, a Yamaichi analyst, said: This announcement must mean that Abbott wants something that Shield has and it's got to be big, otherwise Abbott would not be interested. AFT is

the only big thing."
The results of three studies on the AFT test are expected this year. AFT is believed to be a better indicator of heart disease than cholestoral tests. With more than 500 million cholesterol test conducted each year, the market is potentially huge.

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## Bunzl pays AFC \$72m for bonded fibres

By OLIVER AUGUST

BUNZL, the paper and plastics group, has acquired the bonded libres business of American Filtrona (AFC) for \$72.45 million in cash.

Anthony Habgood, Bunzl

ness of AFC will greatly strengthen our US operations both in filters and in ink reservoirs. Utilising the Filtrona name worldwide will reduce confusion in the market and enable us further to build this successful business."

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The bonded fibres business, which is principally engaged in the manufacture of cigarette filters and ink tion of the bonded fibre busi- Holdings LLC, a company million and made operating

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Burnzi expects its acquisition to enhance earnings in its first the profits contribution from the purchase outstripping the interest that would have accrued if the money had stayed Bason, finance director.

full year of ownership, with

## CompuServe in the red

COMPUSERVE CORP, the world's second largest online service where Robert Massey, chief executive, resigned earlier this week, reported a fiscal third-quarter loss and said it would focus on returning to profitability as it cuts costs and realigns its business

The company also reported a decline in membership in CSi, its flagship service, but

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FROM REUTER IN COLUMBUS in membership in other areas. CompuServe said it lost \$14.2

million, or 15 cents a share, in its third quarter ended January 31, compared with a \$17.2 million profit, a year ago. Revenues rose to \$211 million (\$203 million). Frank Salizzoni, Compu-

Serve's chairman and acting chief executive until a replacement for Mr Massey can be found, said: "While our third quarter results show improve-

ment over the second quarter. they are clearly not good enough. Our No. i priority is to stabilise earnings and re-turn to profitability as quickly

CompuServe said subscribers to its CSi online service were down at the end of the quarter by 100,000 to 2.8 million, with most of the decline taking place in America. Its US subscribers dropped 140,000 to 1.6 million.

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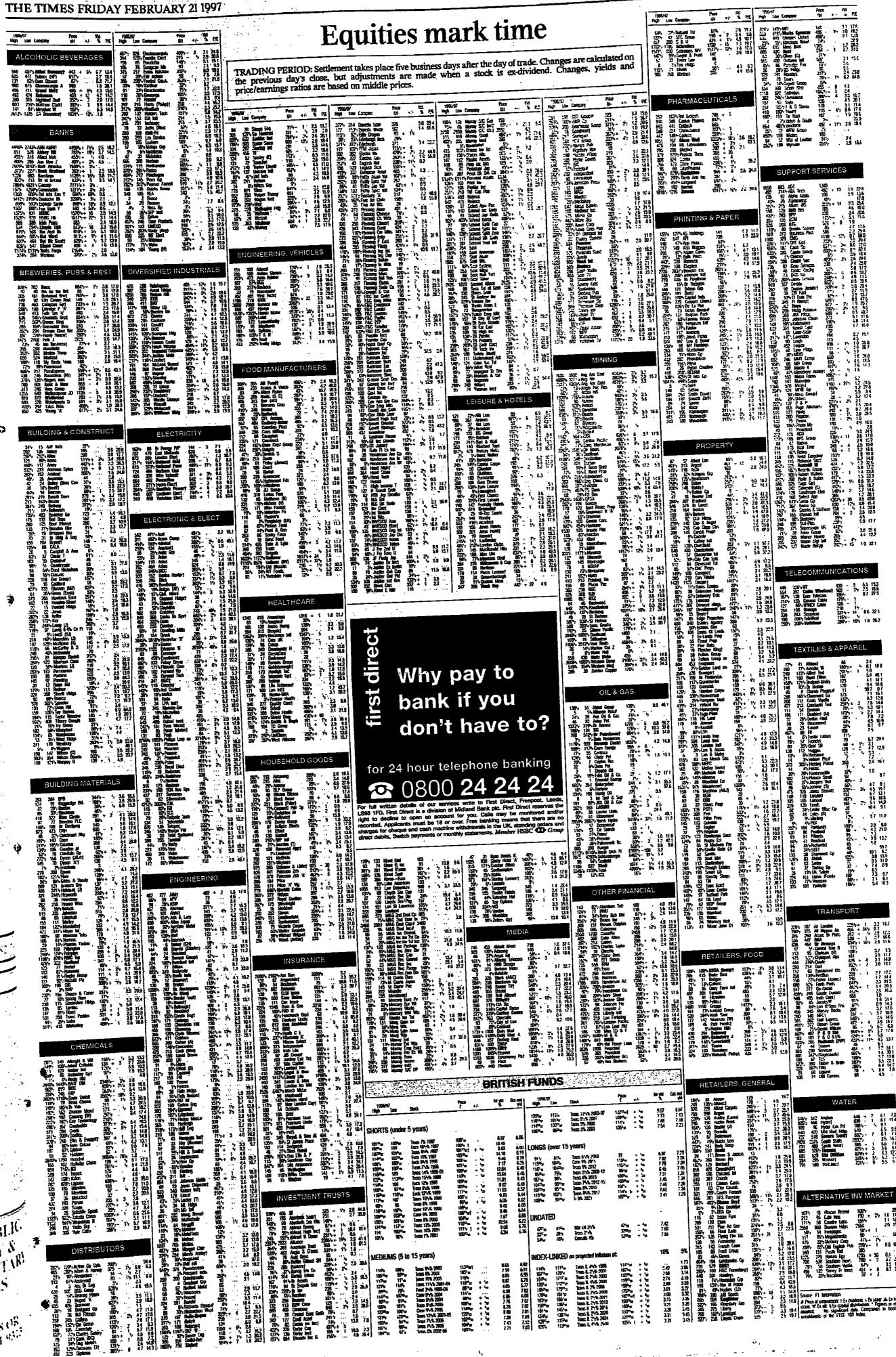
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VISUAL ART

Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Tate can go ahead with plans to create a 🖰 Gallery of British Art



THEATRE

Ralph Fiennes leads a brilliant revival of Chekhov's Ivanov that should rescue the play from obscurity

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CONCERT I

Esa-Pekka Salonen illuminates the music of György Ligeti to a packed Queen Elizabeth Hall



CONCERT 2

... while Mikhail Pletney and the Russian National Orchestra get it only partly right in Manchester

## British and proud of it

ir Henry Tate's gift of his paintings and a building to house them (the nucleus of the present Tate Gallery) opened in 1897 as the National Gallery of British Art. In 1916, partly because of a reluctance on the part of the National Gallery to display contemporary art, international modern art was added to the Tate's brief. Because the two collections have grown to the point where only 15 per cent of the works can be displayed at any one time, a decision was taken recently to separate them onto different sites.

From the moment it was announced that Bankside Power Station in Southwark was to be converted to house the Tate Gallery's international modern collection, there has been a question-mark hanging over the future of the buildings at Millbank and the collection of British art.

Now, with the news that the Heritage Lottery Fund has earmarked £18.75 million for Millbank's conversion into the Tate Gallery of British Art, the plans for its future have been made public. The Tate is left to raise a further £4.5 million to meet the total cost of £31 million, but Nicholas Serota, the gallery's director, is confident that the funds will be found and that, as planning consent has been given, work will begin this year and be

completed by 2001. The Bankside split only carries on the two strands of the collection," says Serota. VISUAL ART: **Isabel Carlisle** 

talks to the Tate's director about the new

Millbank plans

when the exciting masters of the 20th century leave Millbank, the British collection might turn out to be predictable and dull. The challenge is to turn the greatest collection of British art in the world into something even

more exciting than at present." Serota is reluctant to define his role in the new scheme of things, saying that it is under discussion with the trustees, but it seems almost certain that he will be in overall charge. A director will be appointed for Bankside and one for Millbank. Those people will be responsible for the exhibitions and displays. My responsibility will be toencourage those two people and resolve disputes about which works go where," he

Serota believes the key to keeping the British art collection alive and interesting is loan exhibitions and changing displays of the permanent collection. Although the hang will be roughly chronological within the four quadrants of the Millbank site, and major artists such as Stubbs, Hogarth, Whistler, Spencer, Bacon and Hockney will always have a body of work on show. Serrita's intention is that "displays will be rotated to bring in different emphases at differ-

We might borrow Old Master paintings from the National Gallery to show how they relate to British art. Or a display of British sculpture in the 1920s and 1930s might include foreign artists to make the point about artists working in an international context. We don't want to give the impression that British artists worked in isolation."

The Turner Prize dis-

play of work by leading contemporary British artists will continue at Millbank, and British sculptors will be asked to create work for the central Diveen galleries. The juxtacontinue, and we will be able to show a much higher proportion of the favourite works that people want to see, says Serota. With gallery space increased by 35 per cent, large works such as James Ward's Goredale Scar will be put back on show. A permanent Blake gallery will be created, and works on paper will be shown in smaller galleries within each quadrant - a real innovation for the Tate, that up to now has shown very little of its large collection of prints and drawings. In addition, Serota wants to

see exhibitions that explore the relationships between British.



Nicholas Serota in the Gainsborough and Turner room at the Tate: "We will be able to show a much higher proportion of the favourite works"

continental and American art. I would like to do a small show on Géricault's visit to England and his influence on British art - his Raft of the Medusa was shown in London and Dublin. We are also planning to do a major exhibition on mid-and late-19th-century American land-

scape painting. It was very much influenced by British art and there has never been a show on the American sublime before.

"Smaller, monographic shows on artists such as Samuel Palmer, William Orpen or Thomas Jones would make up one series, as would

exhibitions of modern masters such as Lucian Freud portraits or Francis Bacon landscapes." Meanwhile, the major historical exhibitions continue with Rossetti, Burne-Jones and the Symbolists, opening in the autumn, and Sargent in 1998.

tion might fall into the second rank in an imaginary international art league, and points to the influence of changing taste on how we view particular artists. "Forty years ago the Pre-Raphaelites were not considered of world importance, but they are currently being

Victorian art in Washington, and in the last 30 years British art has been more highly regarded than French art. The purpose of the new Tate Gallery of British Art is to show that art made in this country has been and still is as extraordinary and interesting as art made abroad."

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Chekhov's Ivanov

## Fine Russian disarray

TWO years ago Raiph Fiennes Almeida Theatre Company, most found sensitive and strong but a grudging lew thought not tormented enough. As if to answer that criticism, he is now successfully tackling the eponymous protagonist of Chekhov's Ivanov, a debt-ridden landowner who accuses himself of behaving like a desperate malcontent, an anguished ditherer --- or, as he adds with a ringing sneer, a Hamlet.

Chekhov wrote Ivanov nine years before The Seagull and regarded it as an apprentice niece. Others have attacked its moments of melodrama and caricature. But David Hare's terse, punchy translation and Jonathan Kent's pacy, finely cast Almeida production should convince you that the play is a vivid portrait of a Russia in moral disarray and, partly as a result, a decent man in spiritual chaos.

Imagine the story as it might have been dramatised by a lesser talent Ivanov cynically marries a rich lew's daughter and, when her parents cut her off, contemptuous-



Torment: Ralph Fiennes

money-lender's daughter, ignoring his wife as she dies of TB. That is exactly how Chekhov's first stage doctor, Colin Tierney's thin Robespierrean Lvov, sees the landowner's behaviour. But Lvov is a fool, for he ignores Chekhov's prime axiom: people are al-ways complex, and situations are never black and white.

Fiennes's Ivanov certainly ly turns his attention to a rich at the age of 35. He neglects

self, and he doesn't know why. All he feels is a numb shame ments of bewildered rage. And Fiennes catches it all: the hunched, bunched body-language of torpor, the bursts of self-loathing and, at one moment, a display of cruelty way beyond Hamlet's treatment of Ophelia in the nunnery scene. Why is he like this? He, we and perhaps even Chekhov don't and can't fully know.

One reason, though, must be the ennui of an outback where the main diversions are cards, drink, talking money. back-bining and spreading scandal. Yet the reptile house does contain characters that good actors manage to round out. There's Harriet Walter as Ivanov's wife, smiling through her grief, Oliver Ford Davies as a cynical uncle, Rosemary McHale as a lady Scrooge and Bill Paterson as her nervous husband. They were funny, touching, and real enough to leave me feeling that, like just about everybody else, I had

CONCERTS: Ligeti joins the greats in London; plus a game of two halves in Manchester

Serota dismisses the idea

that British art seen in isola-

yidently the word had got around that the series, Clocks and Clouds, is not to be missed. At the Oueen Elizabeth Hall on Wednesday night they were turning people away from another imaginaposing Ligeti with music by Ravel and Bartók.

The programme worked well, not only because Ravel's preoccupation with colour and texture was mirrored a few decades later by Ligeti, but also because one of the linchpins of the series, Esa-Pekka Salonen, brings as much illumination to the scores of Bartók as he does to those of

Ligeti. Two Ligeti scores were heard: the Violin Concerto from 1989 and Ramifications from 1968-69. Although written two decades apart, both concern themselves with the creation of elaborate texture from microscopic detail, and both do so by manipulation of the standard "equal tempera-ment" (by which G sharp, for example, equals A flat). In the concerto, an orchestral violinist and violist each tune their instruments to harmonics on the double bass; the intonation

## Colours in the clouds

(played by two percussionists) and ocarinas (four players rising to their feet to deliver Flamboys. Described innoerately imprecise intonation adds a further element of unpredictability.

Frank Peter Zimmermann seemed to enter completely into this world, not least in his intense solo in the fourth movement Passacaglia. But his command of conventional tuning was equally impressive in the multiple stopping of the

final cadenza. With regard to the harmonies resulting from comparable techniques in Ramifications, Ligeti himself put it unforgettably: They smell high; the music is starting to decompose." Salonen and the string players of the Phil-harmonia achieved this decadent, neurotically refined effect in vivid style.

t the Festival Hall the A National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland showed commendable loyalty to its artistic community by taking a piece of the Irish composer, Gerald Barry, on its Four Cities Tour. It would be difficult, however, to con-

## likely to inspire a return Piano Concerto No 4 in G invitation than Barry's major, with the orchestra

sequence of chorales, waltzes and hornpipes", it is nothing of the kind; an arid opening duet for bassoon and trumpet is followed by even more arid

piledriver unisons on full orchestra. This unpleasantness out of the way, another national figure was brought on in the form of Barry Douglas. whose account of Beethoven's under its principal conductor. rionable, but also unexceptional. Douglas produced some nicely shaded phrasing in the first movement and some expressively withdrawn playing in the second, but not everything was on this level. Presumably this is not unfamiliar repertoire for the orchestra, but there was a cautiousness about it that failed to strike the

sparks Douglas needed.

too, in Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. The positive aspect of this is that one got a strong sense of players and conductor nosing forward together, testing the waters, and often finding fresh solutions to styhand, there were occasions where one felt that they were just keeping up with the ride, rather than sailing with it.

That caution was evident.

The Lullaby and Princess's Round Dance, however, brought some sensitive playing, as did Ravel's Ma Mère l'Ove Suite.

Barry MILLINGTON

### that results, combined with suggests that. Once he was a badly underestimated Ivanov. This review appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday. Ivanov is presented in partnership with ATOT the frequent use of harmonics. bustling idealist, forever reopens up a shadowy, occult forming farms and schools, world. The effect is enhanced and now here he is, burnt out by the use of slide whistles Fair and foul play 3 4 March THE conductor and orchestra playing in the second half of the concert in Bridgewater Manchester Hall looked much the same as the conductor and orchestra

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## ceive of a calling-card less

which had played in the first half. But, surely, no one ensemble could be so brilliant in Tchaikovsky and so tedious in Beethoven?

With musicians as sophisti-

cated as Mikhail Pletney and the Russian National Orchestra there was a hope that the gulf between Vienna and Moscow or St Petersburg would not be quite so blatantly yawning. It was clear from the performance of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony that they can play perfectly together and in tune. But in the slow introduction to Leonora No 3 they didn't. From the Tchaikovsky we know that the conductor has a sensitivity to atmosphere and a feeling for high drama. But in the Beethoven there was none of that. Nikolai Lugansky, soloist in the same composer's Plano Concerto in C minor, had little chance of finding inspiration in such circumstances and although his playing was both accomplished and truthful, it was only as interesting as its accompaniment.

## Russian NO/Pletnev

The extraordinary thing about the second half of the

concert was that even the encores were presented with more style and commitment than the RNO's young conductor had seemed prepared to dedicate to Beethoven. A technique like his needs elderstatesman authority or, in its absence, some equivalent of the kind he brought to the interpretation of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony.

Pletney was little more demonstrative about it even here, but the first movement was as seductive in its presentation as it was chilling in its effect. It was so beautifully accomplished that the other three movements could scarcely sustain the same level of intensity. Even so, after an Andantino that was a little hurried and a Scherzo too conscious of the excellence of the pizzicato strings, the Finale was so appropriately liberated of good taste that there could be no argument with it.

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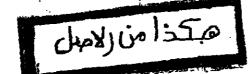
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Half is the vicinity for the Candon Shriftenethr's exploration of the connection between the composers Boules and Strawnesty (tonight, 7.45pm), while the Plethemsonia Orchestra performs the fourth of eight concerts celebrating the missic of György Light tomorrow at 7.45pm. Finally, the London Chinase Orchestra celebrates the Chance New York with a condustrate of

C) AMERICAN BUFFALO Douglos Henchali, Neil Stute and Nicholas Woodeson play the three small-time crooks in Devid Marnet's drama. Grea dialogue Lindsay Posner directs. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-938 6363) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; moss Wed (March 12, 19) and Set (March 15, 22, 29. April 5), 2.30pm Until April 5 SI CARDIFF EAST: Kenneth

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LiteATHICLIFF Panned by the artists, Citil Richard's musical treatment of Wuthoring Heights reaches London after an entiansive national fusit. Helen Hobson plays Cathy, with songs by Tim Rice and direction by Fanik Dunlop Labaths Apollo, Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith, Wei (0171-416 6050), Mon-Sat, April Unit April 5.

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plays the Fool, reviving a partnership last seen in Theatr Clayo's The Plase ass seen in thear Chinjor's (the Mass Tattoo two years ago. Kinyametost, Belgrave Gales (th 15-253 9797). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Feb 28, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm (Sats March 22 and 29, 8pm); mass Wed (March 5), 2pm, Sats (March 22, 29), 4pm. Until Merch 29. ancient and modern works in the Purcell Room at 7.30pm on Sunday. South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight-Sun, various times. ST NICHOLAS: Brian Cox pleys a smuo theetre critic who fails for a v smug thears critic who falls for a your agrees, which probably doesn't prove a good move. One-man play written a directed by Conor McPherson, author LONDON GALLERIES LONDON GALLERIES
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<u>ELSEWHERE</u> BELFAST. Takus Yuzas conducts the BELFAST. Teluo Yusasa conducts the Ulsalar Conhestra in the Ulster Hall premiers of Montague is The Creatures Indoors. The plants Paul Creatures Indoors. The plants Paul Creatives the ordestrate for Poulenc's Concert Champètre, which is followed by Franck's Symphony in D minor Ulster Hall, Bedford Street (01232 248644), Toregin, 7,45pm.

HIGH WYCOMBE: The second annual Wycombe Dance Season, Swan Dance '97, includes a performance of

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pollengelst, using two helpers and rolls and rolls of Sellotape. Recommended. BAC, Lavender Hit, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, Sprn; Sun, Sprn. Until February 23.

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If THE SHALLOW END: Doug Luck's new play, directed by Robin Leteve: behind the cones at a smart wedding a media mogul's hendman struggle for power. Jane Asher and Tony Doyle head an interesting cast. Roylet Court Downstain's (Dute of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mat Sut, 3,30pm.

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## I used to be Free, but I'm all right now

The face may not be familiar any more, but the voice of Paul Rodgers still stirs at least one

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politician's blood. Chris Campling reports uddenly, Paul Rodgers is becoming a name to drop. First Free songs." there was the Tony Blair

Desert Island Discs when the PM-in-waiting told the world that had he been able to sing like the one-time Free man he would have kicked politics in the head. Then there's Reef, the neo blues-rockers whose name is an anagram of Free (aithough their lead singer, wilful boy, has chosen to sound like Mick Jagger). And, in the music press, reviews of gigs by

bands with singers who can actually sing are beginning to compare them to the man whose voice, at the age of 47, has lost little of its tuneful strength.

And where is Rodgers himself? Slogging around Britain on his latest tour, the umpteenth of a career that began nearly 30 years ago, and has seen his various bands sell more than 125 million records. He's spent most

of the past three or four years similarly occupied, "happily on the road, building up to this album". The album is Now, the fourth to go out under the Rodgers name as opposed to that of a

And what bands they've been. The first was Free, four boys who shook the world, or at least gave it something to think about, in the early 1970s. Then there was Bad Company, which conquered America. And the Firm, in which Rodgers played alongside the post-Zeppelin Jimmy Page. And the Law, with former Face Kenney Jones on drums. OK, maybe not the Law.

of and, unlike many another faded star who would refuse to admit that their latest album is not perhaps their best, Rodgers is proud of his past. So much so that the set-list for the current tour is a musical history lesson - Paul Rodgers, his Life and Times.

He is aware that his audience today largely comprises people who became fans two decades and more ago. There just has to be a connection between Now's entry into the Top 40 and the fact that, along with the new stuff, comes a free limited-edition live CD of Rodgers singing the old stuff. The people who remember Free and Bad Company are my fan base," he says, "When I did a tour singing the blues a couple of years ago, they still wanted to hear Free songs as well. Even the bands that

were backing me wanted to play the

And so, along with the new stuff, audiences are able to sing along again to the likes of All Right Now (still being played, on a radio station somewhere in the world, every 45 seconds), Mr Big and, from the Bad Company days, Feel Like Making Love and that theme tune to an imaginary western, Bad Com-pany itself. These are the songs that resonate with people who were young

when they first heard them, and are middleaged now. Free, in particular, had a sound all of their own, a

combination of Rodgers's voice, Andy Fraser's bass playing the late Paul Kossoff's guitar and Simon Kirke's drumming. Together, they produced a blues-rock, or countryblues, or hard-rock music that could only have been made by them. Like the individual Beatles. Free apart were never quite as good as Free

together. A lot of the sound was to do with the way the songs were written." Rodgers says. The chords themselves were very simple indeed; it was the space we left between them. It's something I learnt from the blues - you wait, and wait ... and then you deliver."

Tew guitarists were better at waiting than Kossoff, who could make a single note. stretch around the block before searing into a solo. Fraser, who had played in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers was all of 16 - produced little rounded blobs of notes, carefully spaced for maximum effect. Kirke could drum like a hurricane, but he could also slow things down, "almost to nothing." Rodgers says. "A drummer in another of my bands couldn't. He'd just stop."

As did Free, after the huge success of the band's third album, Fire and Water, and the comparative failure of the fourth, the sublime but uncommercial Highway. Still in their late teens or early twenties, they wanted to try new things on their own. At least, three quarters of them did. Kossoff went on to drues.

"We'd never been a drugs band, but when we broke up Koss moved to Portobello Road, which at the time was rife with every kind of chemical



rubbish." Rodgers says. "The drugs done month-long tours. Now we were became something of a prop, and they doing six-month tours, playing six

disastrous. We'd get to the gig thinking he was OK, and then we'd realise he'd taken something and it was just kidding in, five minutes before we went

The title of the last Free album captured the feeling the other band members had at watching their friend go to the dogs. It was called Heartbreaker. Free were no more again, and

Kossoff was dead within three years. By then Rodgers and Kirke were bigger rock stars than they had ever been with Free. Bad Company, the band named after the song, had wooed and won America. The two Free men. along with former Mott the Hoople. guitarist Mick Ralphs and King Crimson bass player Box Burrell, toured America obsessively. With Free we'd

took hold of him very quickly.

"Andy suggested that if we got aircraft, and stretch limes a week." They had their own tour aircraft, and stretch limes to where them on the tarmac. "That's where the a bit of dodgy accounting.

Today, he uses the house he bought in Surrey with the royalties from All Right Now as little more than a place in which to hang his hat between tours. Fraser is writing songs in Los Angeles: Kirke is still part of a band called Bad Company that still criss-crosses America. They still talk.

And the Blair accolade? "Very flattering. If I had known how much politics there was in the music business, I might have gone into politics."

The single, Soul of Love, and album, Now, are released by SPV Recordings. Paul Rodgers plays Glasgow Barrowlands tomornight: Newcastle City Hall (Sun); Manchester Apollo (Mon); Wolverhampton Civic Hall (Wed); London Forum (Thurs) and London Shepherds Bush Empire (Fri)

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both the hare and the hounds,

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(Reality), lest they disturb the

mood of well-manicured men-

ace conjured by more typical numbers such as Young Fun

and What We Go Through, Warren G prefers to speak

softly, but nevertheless carries

"Warren G, top dog, patrol-ling the beach/Niggas say they hard, but they as soft as a

peach," he boasts with a languid sneer in Reality, an

everyday rale of how a million-

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With an ear for melody and

groove as keen as his instinct

for survival, he remains one stylishly sinister dude.

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WHILE it might seem as if

home-studio-recorded No I

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burn reveals an artist schooled

in a lo-fi tradition of songwrit-

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detracts from the appeal of

more straightforward songs

such as Going Nowhere Somehow and A Week Next

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takes more chances, as when

he adds scratchy effects and a

twist of Indian influences to

Thursday at the Blue Note

and steals the bass line from

the Animals hit We Gotta Get

Out of This Place to create an

eerie, moonlit soundscape on

the intriguingly titled The Function of the Orgasm.

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## Electric music for mind and body

POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair on a lo-fi classic

> by Eels, and some high

energy from Orb **EELS** 

Beautiful Freak Dreamworks/MCA (DRD 50001 £15,49)

TOO many American groups have been indulging in an orgy of noisy navel-gazing for too long. Thankfully, although Eels can be loud and their lyrics have an introspective slant, their wonderful debut, Beautiful Freak, marks them out as a breed apart.

The trio come from Echo Park. Los Angeles, a bohemi-an neighbourhood with its fair share of urban blight, as depicted by the song Susan's House in which singer and songwriter E catalogues a series of shocking street vienettes with a sad but unblinking eye. In other songs he explores the thoughts and feelings of the outsider, never more acutely so than on Guest List, in which he cleverly turns the situation of being excluded from the privileged circle of freeloaders at a gig into a metaphor for broader feelings of social rejection.

But the predictable heavy rock arrangements and selfindulgent tone that have been the bane of so much American music in recent years are entirely absent, replaced instead by the marvellously dreamy chord sequences and left-field instrumental textures of Not Ready Yet and Novocaine for the Soul and by words which combine a weary sense of alienation with a dry, melancholy wit.

When I came into this world they slapped me/And slapped again," E sings in



"A sense of wonder and adventure, stimulating a voyage of the imagination that more earthbound music never could": Orb have lift-off to Orblivion

Flower, but caps off his reverie with a steely vow of: "You see, I know I'm gonna win."

Eels are going to win too: friends, admiration, perhaps riches beyond belief and most certainly love for a record that does the precise opposite of numbing the soul.

ORB Orblivion (Island 524 347 £15.49) NOT since the era of the Shadows and the Tornados have mainstream tastes been

so attuned to the charms of

instrumental music. But,

thanks to acts such as Orb, the

re-education process has gone

sence of lyric and voice and into realms of impressionism that have effectively redefined the concept of popular music. Mundane conventions such

far beyond accepting the ab-

as key or time signatures could only be ascribed in a fairly loose sense, if at all, to most of the pieces on Orblivion, with the obvious exception of the eminently danceable hit, Toxygene. And

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yet the scurrying sound collages that comprise numbers such as Asylum and Ubiquity, with their spacey, dub sound effects and electronic percussion patterns that sound like

rocks tumbling down a hillside, have a repetitive structure every bit as nagging, in their way, as a conventional verse/chorus melody

And of course it is a bad

thing if you're a record com-

pany executive who needs to

make long-range financial estimates as to whether he can

afford a company jet. If you're

a groovy punteress, however.

who digs tunes, then life is

very sweet. Falling sales mean

that, at some point, the still

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A more accessible collection than previous albums, Orblivion retains a sense of wonand adventure, stimulating a voyage of the imagination that more earthbound music never could.

WARREN G Take a Look Over Your Shoulder (Reality) (Def Jam/Mercury 533 484

HAVING defined his own era, no less, with the massively successful debut album, Regulate ... G Funk Era, Californian rapper Warren G has carved a niche for himself in the singles chart with his rap

absolutely ludicrous price of

CDs will have to be slashed

just to keep the market afloat.

A fast turnover of acts mean

that more potential stars are

being given a break; and

restlessness in the charts

means that new and different

There is not much point in

sounds are welcomed.

**Those** who can't, teach adaptations of the pop stan-dards, What's Love Got to do

TO JUDGE by the rows of empty seats, the holistic sentiments of George Winston's music no longer seem to enjoy the following they had a decade and more ago. The young professionals who once displayed Windham Hill alburns on their shelves may be too high up the executive ladder to spare the time for folksy piano sketches of cornfields in the Midwest sun.

Or it could be they have realised that, while his rhapsodising makes acceptable mood music, its shortcomings become all too obvious in a concert hall. Although Winston aspires to

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George Winston Oueen Elizabeth Hall

the stark grandeur of an Ansel Adams landscape, his saccharine themes and rippling broken chords are more redolent of The Waltons.

But, for all his technical limitations, it is hard to dislike Jyoti Mishra (the man who prefers to be known as White Town) stumbled into his a musician who goes to such lengths to explain his influences in his programme notes, and to point his audience in the direction of the genuine article. His musicological interests also prompted a brief display of harmonica blowing. and a demonstration of the Hawaiian tradition of acoustic guitar playing known as

"slack key" guitar. Whether or not you cared for his prim excursion into stride piano, Winston eagerly listed the Fats Waller and Teddy Wilson recordings that should be required listening. We are indebted to him, too, for his unremitting advocacy of the late New Orleans R&B piano master, James Booker.

When Junco Partner, Booker's cult classic, was finally reissued a few years ago. Winston supplied copious lin-er notes. His own approximation of Booker's style lacks the pounding sense of delirium to be found in the originals. His lighter touch was better suited to selections from his new album, dedicated to the jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi, best remembered for the soundtrack to the TV version of the Peanuts cartoon strip. If a live action version is ever made. Winston would be a good choice for the Beethoven-obsessed Schroeder.

CLIVE DAVIS

## Make my single a cheap day return

Blur could manage it for only one week, likewise White Town, LL Cool J and U2. These days, getting to seems to be easy - I'm planning to do it myself next week - but staying there is another matter. In the olden days, when pop stars talked about bringing down the stock market rather than floating themselves on it, singles had a long and active life. Born into the lower fifties, a single would work hard at bettering itself over a number of weeks. hitting the Top 40 in adolescence, the Top Ten in prime child-bearing years, partying all the way to No I and staying long enough to introduce itself to everyone before gently turnbling towards retirement.

These days, however, the singles chart has become febrile and frantic, like speededup film of the night sky, with each star just a white, oneweek streak, and everything in

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constant movement. A case in point would be Blur's Beetlebum. It entered the chart at No l, slipped to No 7 the following week and dropped to 17 the week after the quickest slide ever recorded by any single debuting at

the top. This rapid turnover is due to several factors, the main one being marketing. In order to ensure a high entry point, CD singles retail for 99p in the first week of sale, before reverting to the more usual £3.99. As only somebody with jam for brains would pay four times as much as they need to for a couple of songs, the majority of sales take place in the first week of release. As a result, we've seen the rise of

"in with a bullet, out with a

lead weight attached to its

ankles" singles. Within the indus try none of this really matters that much. No one makes money from singles, which are seen as glorified, lamorous trailers

for the albums from which they come. And, provided you can slap that all important "Featuring the No! smash hit ..." sticker on the front, it doesn't

matter how much of a smash it moans. Brief sojourns in the charts are seen as part of a greater malaise -- the contin-



MORAN names of last year

However, the industry still uing decline in record sales. This is mainly due to the absence of reliable old war-

records whatever the climate. Phil Collins, R.E.M. and the rest of the oldschool crew have weathered the mid-1990s rather badiy and, as yet, there are no tried-andtested super-sellers to replace them.

Spice Girls, Oasis and Alanis Morissette - are all still very early on in their careers, and the market is too uncertain to ensure their continuing sales over, say, a decade. The industry is in a state of flux, and nobody really knows what's going on. This. we are meant to believe, is a

Ireland's finest

Divine Comedy and Ash scoop

the awards pool

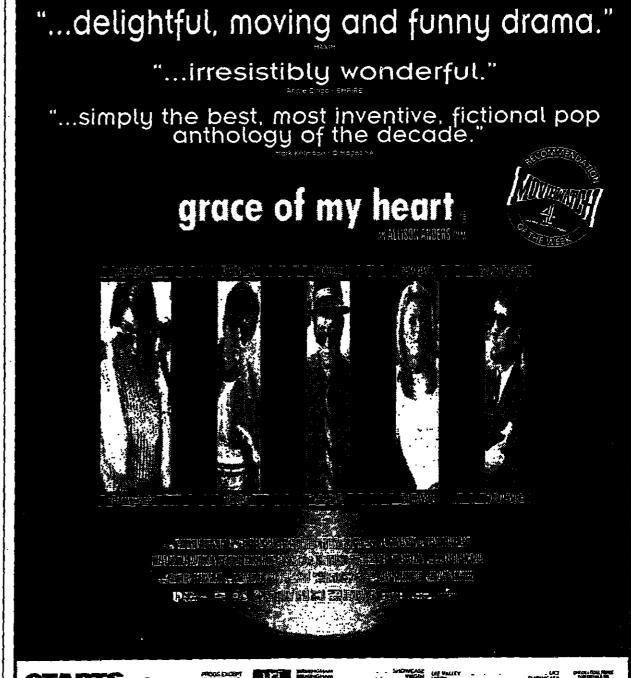
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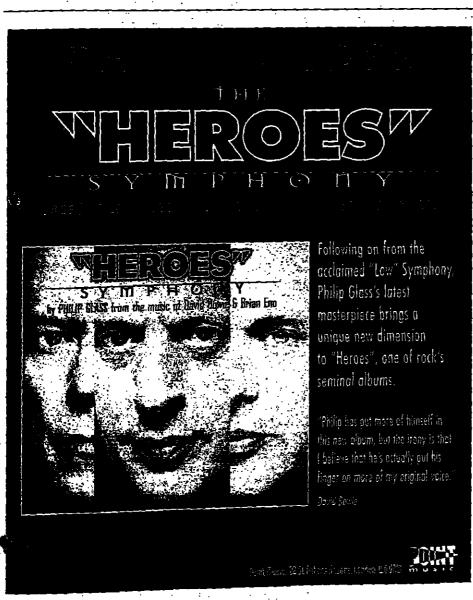
under starter's orders for the bash at Earls Court on Monday, it was the Irish who jumped the gun; their annual music biz shindig, the Heineken/Hot Press Rock Awards, took place last night in Belfast. Ash and the Divine Cornedy led the pack, the power-pop trio carrying off the gongs for Best Band and Best Single (Oh Yeah) and the Divine Comedy's Neil Han-

non landing Best Songwriter

and Best Album (Casanova). After a year in which the Irish rock scene was dominated by acts from the North singer/songwriter Brian Kennedy, dance guru David Holmes, and the great Van Morrison - it was appropriate that the ceremony was held outside Dublin for the first time. But the South was not entirely outdone: Dublin's Bawl were voted Best New Band; Boyzone were the Pick of the Pops Act; and trad stalwarts Altan took the Roots Award. Radiohead were deemed the best international

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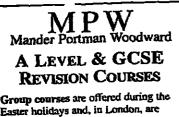
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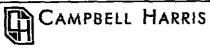
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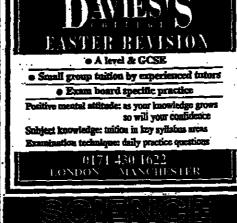
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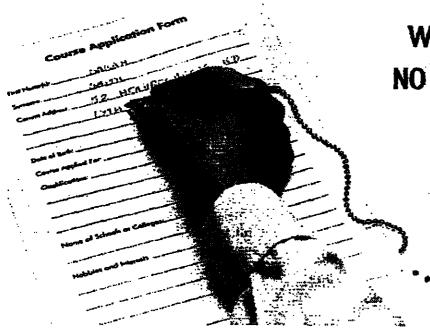
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## Maths lessons that add up to success

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new approach to mathematics teaching, based on the success of Swiss schools, is being developed in this country. In international maths tests for pupils aged 13, Swiss children have far outperformed pupils in England, with an average score of 70.8 per cent,

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compared with 59.5 per cent here.

A third of English pupils could reach no more than the score of the Swiss lowest tenth. In other words, there were three times as many low achievers in mathematics in England as in Switzerland.

The weaknesses in English attainment remained, in 1990, much as they were 27 years earlier at the time of the first international tests in 1962. These weaknesses are particularly evident in areas such as the London Borough of Barking and Dagen-ham, which thought it might learn from the Swiss experience.

More than 300 lessons have been recorded by our teams of teachers on their visits to Switzerland over the past three years. These observations have been supplemented by the scrutiny of pupils' work, review of textbooks,

teacher manuals and materials. All the observations in primary schools have been of mixed-ability classes. The differences in attainment identified in the statistics of the international comparisons have been confirmed time after time by the standards achieved in classrooms as observed by the teachers. One typical example of what ten and II-year-old pupils can achieve

was seen in one class's response to

a sheet of mental arithmetic sums. The pupils had three minutes to prepare the answers in their heads. They could respond with extraordinary (in our eyes) facility by being asked to answer at random. It was not a circus turn. The pupils' success was based on the application of secure mental-calculating strategies acquired since the start of

schooling.

A growing number of schools in Barking and Dagenham have been using the Swiss methods. In Swit-

zerland, a teacher's prime aim is to ensure that most pupils reach a basic standard as set out in the curriculum for each year group. There is a strong sense of teachers and pupils working together to en-able the class as a whole to reach a standard. The idea of catching up is

The curriculum is

structured in such a way as to allow for a good deal of consolidation, especially in number. A faster rate of learning in the later years of schooling depends on a thorough consolidation of fundamentals at earlier stages.

Arithmetic accounts for something like 80 per cent of maths teaching in primary schools. (This compares, according to Ofsted estimates, to most primary schools in England devoting "just over half" of the time allocated to maths to number work.) Until the age of nine, mental work in arithmetic is riven precedence over written methods. Number facts are learnt by



heart through frequent use. Calculators are seen as potentialretarding the development of mental strategies and are not used in primary schools. Whole-class teaching dominates. Lessons have a consistent form, pace and rhythm and are constructed from the same elements. They are almost always

45 minutes long. High-quality talk and discussion involving the whole class predomi-nates. There is relatively little individual writing during lessons. Because children are accustomed from kindergarten to making extensive oral contributions, there is far less embarrassment about speaking aloud to the whole class

than is often found in England. The best room layout is the horseshoe arrangement of tables or desks, promoting maximum, but controllable, interaction between pupils. Pupils are involved in taking the lesson forward. There

are many invitations to pupils to go to the front to lead the lesson, usually with the help of an overhead projector (still little used in English primary classrooms). Children are helped to learn by detailing orally in correct language what they are doing and why, and explaining points to other children.

These ideas formed the basis for the pilot project in Barking and Dagenham from January to July in 1995. Sixteen classes of nine-yearolds (Year Four) from six schools -400 pupils - took part.

After favourable initial reactions by teachers and pupils, it was decided to extend the project in the autumn term of 1995 to include all Year Four and Five classes in these six schools; a total of 850 pupils.

Much was achieved. The capacity of all the children in the classes to speak correctly, at the right pace and volume, was greatly improved. A new air of enthusiasm was

created in many classes, which was recognised by teachers, pupils and also by parents who saw the results.

We are convinced that much of this basic work should be tackled when the children are younger, as on the Continent. A new phase began in 21 schools in Barking and Dagenham in November with Year Two classes (six-year-olds). We hope soon to include Year One.

We are planning for it to be a long haul. No overnight transformation in attainment should be expected from using the new methods - a faster rate of learning in the later years of schooling depends on acquiring the fundamentals during

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## At last, real help for stammerers

Norman Miller on the affliction that

Monroe and Newton:

can ruin some children's lives

Tor the estimated 100,000 pu-I pils in Britain who stammer. wasted potential can seem inevitable. Now a video from the British Stammering Association (BSA) sets out to prevent that waste, offering information and guidance to teachers who may suffer from ignorance, prejudice or uncertainty about a condition once described as

an "enigma wrapped in a mystery". Stammering is not a product of laziness or stupidity - Isaac Newton, Winston Churchill, Alan Turing, Jonathan Mil-

ler, Marilyn Monroe, Rowan Atkinson and Michael Caine have all stammered. The affliction affects four times as many boys as girls. and can manifest or conceal itself in many ways. Teacher may not even realise a pupil has a stammer since a child may move heaven and earth not to open

their mouth in class (unwittingly feeding the lazy or stupid myth) or cause whatdisruption might draw attention awav from their speech — at the same time, perhaps, gaining kudos among classmates who would otherwise torment them.

Either way, such stammerers who made it stammerers are like-

ly to lose out in the end unless their teachers notice the problem and act appropriately — which is where the BSA's A Chance to Speak video and pamphlet come in. The video focuses on a schoolday in the life of 12-year-old Matthew, starting with a fluent confessional to his (nonjudgmental) hamster about his dread of the coming day, before unfolding a depressingly inevitable sequence of embarrassments. Old standards such as morning registration, where classmates are quick to mock the first stumble of the day, go hand in hand with an unexpected corridor encounter with the school football team coach, which puts Matthew under more pressure, and finally the torture of a

class talk which Matthew's flustered form teacher eventually cuts short to snare him some blushes action which also marks him out as someone "unable" to contribute.

It is only after butting in on some playground bullying that Miss decides to offer speech therapy. Such an ideal happy ending does

not, however, always square with reality. Mandy Hitchcock, the special needs supervisor at a Greenwich comprehensive, says that the standard vehicle for providing extra help for pupils,

the Special Needs Register, is already overladen, with 200 pupils at her 1,000strong school on the register. Such a daunting figure takes in a wide range of problems - severe literacy troubles, emotional and behavioural difficulties, increasingly, medical complaints.

Ms Hitchcock admits that stammering is not a priority in itself, although it can be a catalyst for more severe behavioural problems that do manage to gain attention.

Some succour comes in the special needs recommendations issued by the Department for Education for oral exami-

nations, although guidelines for giving stammering pupils extra time must tread a fine line between trying to remove the effects of dysfluency without giving any un-

fair advantage.
Though detailing such regulations and offering general information, the pamphlet accompanying the BSA's A Chance to Speak is also at pains to emphasise the importance of teacher attitudes to stammering, both within the classroom and in such matters as career advice, where too often stammerers are warned off whole spheres of employment on the basis

The video should help to change

### Academics want a stake in the planning process, says **David Triesman**

undits tell us the general election could be decided by 150,000 voters in key constituencies. Votes of staff and students in traditional universities could decide the destination of 16 seats and the higher education vote as a whole could swing the result in more than 26: It is a vote worth attending to.

The Association of University Teachers' new programme, Higher Education in the UK: Mapping the Future, published this week, sets out standards we believe we should seek for universities, students and the country. It advocates proposals that could be taken on even in advance of the review of higher education, chaired by Sir Ron Dearing, which is not due until the summer. All prospective parliamentary candidates (PPCs) will receive a copy with a questionnaire on attitudes to it. As we shall report back on responses to the questionnaire, then before the electorate casts its votes, the academic community will know whether each PPC has the interests of higher educa-

Overwhelmingly, the academic com-munity wants an independent pay review to replace the conflict on salaries of past years. This system is used for nearly all other public sector professionals, whose salaries have risen

faster than those of academics. The most pressing issues surround funding. We need new sources of money for our universities.

AUT advocates new, long-dated Learning Bonds, paid for by companies through a 1 per cent increase in

## And now for the democracy thing

corporation tax. The bonds, which would attract a small amount of interest and mature after 20 years, would fund a new student loan system. A Learning Bank would be set up to handle the loans and their repayment.

It now seems inevitable that students will make a contribution as beneficiaries and it is critical that any new development is non-regressive and does not become a motor for hardship, as at present. Student loan repayments would be triggered on reaching average earnings and phased over a much longer timescale than the current five years.

Better funding should be allied to longer planning. It takes years to create courses or to launch world-class research, yet funding horizons are yearby-year. The UK needs a stable, fiveear system so that we can plan to get into the top quarter of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for public expenditure on higher education - then stay there. We start 15 per cent below the average. It is essential that new money in the

system is not wasted. We should replace the bureaucratic method of quality assurance with one which leads to constant development and enhancement of staff ability. At present, more than a third of staff time is used pushing paper around - without any discernible outcomes.

If the system were working there would be no background noise about the impossibility of comparing degrees from different universities. The UK would benefit from full involvement of staff and a scheme for bringing examin-ers together to compare what they are

This presumes that students are getting a fair deal. It is essential in higher education to guarantee every student individual teaching. In our programme we call for a compact with students - to be signed by both parties - where the explicit right to personal teaching is matched by an obligation to

follow courses diligently. These issues are as important to the profession as salaries and they reflect the seriousness with which the profession wants a stake in educational decisions. AUT wants no less influence than exists for professionals in medicine. That is why the response of each PPC, or any non-response, will be the basis of a detailed briefing for each member. This is not the party political thing. It is the democracy thing.

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## Exclusive screenings of The Crucible

eaders of The Times have the chance to Lenjoy an exclusive preview screening of The Crucible, with Academy Award winner Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder and Joan Allen.

Author Arthur Miller wrote the screenplay for The Crucible, adapting his stage play about a group of teenage girls accused of witchcraft in Salem in 1692. The film, directed by Nicholas Hytner (director of The Madness of King George) is a drama about collective evil and personal guilt.

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CHANGING TIMES

## Pupils take on counselling role

ountering bullying and solving homework. problems are all in a day's work for student counsellors at Mynyddbach Com-prehensive in Swansea. The 15 and 16-year-olds staff the school's new counselling room every hunchtime and invite younger pupils to discuss their problems.

The service was conceived by a group of final-year students led by Rachel John, 15. "Having been bullied in the past," she says, "I know that

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younger pupils need help. Her friend Anna Lucas, 15, adds: "We felt that they would prefer to talk to us rather than to teachers because they often don't realise how hurtful name-calling and other forms of verbal builying can be." The girls realised that they needed training to make a success of the service. Encouraged by head teacher Glyn Davies, they approached the

Maths and mediation go hand in hand at a Welsh comprehensive, says Iola Smith

West Glamorgan Council for Voluntary Service, Last term they took a six-week mediation course run by Jennifer Twelvetrees, the council's head of

She says: "We emphasised the importance of listening and establishing rules that covered issues such as confidentiality. I also pointed out that a teacher needed to be involved in case some of the issues raised were beyond the students' experience."

The 14 students on the course earned a certificate in mediation and listening skills. This term the training is being put into practice. "Pupils know that we will listen and that we care," says Lyndsey Stokes, 16. "We started out focusing on bullying but now

we've extended the service. People may be falling behind with their homework, or they may want us to talk to a teacher on their behalf. We try to help whatever the problem." Glyn Davies, the head

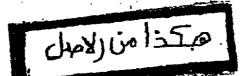
teacher, is delighted with the initiative. "The idea came from them, and the girls have worked hard to set up the service." Mynyddbach is a comprehensive school for girls aged 11

to 16 and because Rachel and her team want the service to continue long-term, they are about to start preparing next year's final-year students for counselling duties. Mrs Twelvetrees will help with the training and, in the interim. she and the girls plan to establish a workshop for par-

ents on conflict resolution. The group also wants to extend the counseiling service to pupils at Mynyddbach's feeder primaries. Builying is no more of a problem at this school than at any other, but Rachel wants to stamp out the problem alto-

Her initiative is welcomed by Delyn Tattum, founder of the Countering Bullying Unit at the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff. "Any scheme that reduces bullying is to be encouraged," he says. This is to be applauded for giving responsibility to young

Mr Tattum endorses the idea of teacher involvement and recommends that the students have regular debriefing sessions with staff. "If they hear traumatic stories," he says, "they may need help themselves. Otherwise, carrying the burden could become too much to bear."



## Computer clock time irrelevant

tions v McKeown DPP v Jones

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Clyde (Speeches February 20)

Section 69 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 was concerned solely with the proper operation and functioning of a computer and all that it required for a computer-generated statement to be admissible was positive evidence that the computer had properly processed, stored and reproduced the information it had

The malfunctioning of the clock on a breath specimen device did not affect the proper functioning of the device in processing informa-tion from the breath analyser and therefore that information was admissible in evidence.

The House of Lords so held allowing appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions against de-cisions of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court [Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Allioth on May 27, 1994 quashing (i) the conviction of Sharon McKeewn by Widnes Justices on April 20, 1993 for driving a motor vehicle with excessive alcohol in her breath. contrary to section 5(1) of the Road conviction of Christopher Jones by failing to provide two specimens of analysis, contrary to section 7(6) of the 1988 Act. Section 69 of the 1984 Act

"(It in any proceedings, a statement in a document produced by a computer shall not be admissible evidence of any fact stated therein unless it is shown ... (b) that at all material times the computer was operating properly, or if not, that any respect in which it was not operating properly or was out of operation was not such as to affect the production of the document or the accuracy of its

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Steven Everett for the Crown; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Renee Calder for Ms McKeown; Mr Nigel J. Ley for Mr Jones.

LORD HOFFMANN said that the two appeals arose out of the fact that in late July 1992 the computer clock in the Lion Intoximeter 3000 in use at Widnes time about an hour and a quarter dispute about the correct time at which the Intoximeter was used; in fact, the precise time was not a matter of any importance. Nevertheless the Divisional Court had accepted that the inaccuracy of the reading vitiated both

Although both cases were con-

cerned with the effect of the inaccuracy of the time display upon the validity of the conviction, the offences charged were different and the legal issues were not the same. His Lordship would therefore consider first the case of Ms McKeown, who was convicted under section 5(1) of the 1988 Act and then that of Mr Jones, who was convicted under section 7(6). The chief question in Ms McKeown's case was whether the

evidence of the Intoximeter's breath analysis satisfied the requirements of section 69(1) of the His Lordship would for the moment assume that the inaccuracy in the time display meant that "the computer ... was not operating properly". The question was therefore whether that was "such

If the words were read literally, it did. In his Lordship's view. however, the paragraph was not intended to be read in such a literal

as to affect the production of the

Section 69 was concerned solely with the proper operation and functioning of a computer. A computer was a device for storing, processing and retrieving informathe computer was inaccurate, for example, if the operator keyed in the wrong name, then the information retrieved from the computer in the form of a statement would But section 69 was not in the

least concerned with the accuracy of the information supplied to the computer. If the gas analyser of the Intoximeter was not functioning properly and gave an inaccurate signal which the computer faith-fully reproduced, section 69 did not statement. The same was true if the operator keyed in the wrong name. Neither of those errors was concerned with the proper operation or functioning of the computer.

The nurroose of section 69, theredid not require the prosecution to show that the statement was likely to be true. Whether it was likely to be true or not was a question of reight for the justices or jury.

All that section 69 required as a condition of the admissibility of a computer-generated -statement computer had properly processed, stored and reproduced whatever information it received. It was concerned with the way in which the computer had dealt with the information to generate the statement which was being tendered as evidence of a fact which it stated.

The language of section 69(t) recognised that a computer might be malfunctioning in a way which was not relevant to the purpose of the exclusionary rule. It could not therefore be argued that any

malfunction was sufficient to cast doubt upon the capacity of the correctly. The legislature had clearly refused to accept so extreme a proposition.

What, then, was contemplated as the distinction between a relevant and an irrelevant malfunction? There was only one possible answer. A malfunction was relevant if it affected the way in which the computer processed, stored or retrieved the information used to generate the statement tendered in evidence. Other mal-

unctions did not matter. It followed that the words "not such as to affect the production of the document or the accuracy of its contents" had to be read subject to the overall mulification that the paragraph was referring to those aspects of the document or its contents which were material to the accuracy of the statement tendered in evidence.

Paragraph (a) of section 69(1), which dealt with improper use of the computer, clearly had that meaning. The statement was in-admissible only if there were reasonable grounds for believing that the improper use had caused to be inaccurate.

It was argued that because naragraph (b) used different language and spoke of the "produc-tion of the document or the accuracy of its contents" rather than being concerned, as in paragraph (a), with the accuracy of "the tement", it must have a different

But there could not have been any difference in the purpose of the two paragraphs; in both cases the legislature was concerned with the eliability of the statement tendered in evidence as a property processed and reproduced piece of information. On the point now in issue it would be quite irrational if the effect of the two paragraphs

was not the same. The justices had had before them a certificate signed by a police sergeant under paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the 1984 Act stating that to the best of his knowledge and belief the requirements of section 69(1) had been complied with. In the absence of contrary evidence, they were entitled to accept that certificate as sufficient

to satisfy section 69(1). The question was then whether they were obliged to regard the inaccuracy of the clock display as contrary evidence. The justices also had evidence, which they were entitled to accept, that the clock display was not affecting the proper functioning of the computer in processing the information from the breath analyser. Having accepted that evidence, there was nothing to displace the effect of the

His Lordship had considered the matter on the assumption that the

## error in the clock display showed

that the computer was not operating properly. However, his Lordship was not satisfied that that conclusion should have been

Computer clocks, like any others, had to be set to the correct time and the most obvious explanation for the discrepancy was that some-one had made a mistake when he last set the clock. That would not have had anything to do with the computer not operating properly. Furthermore, if the error lay in

doubtful whether it would constitute part of "the computer" for the purposes of section 69. The clock, although no doubt phys-ically in the same box as the computer, was something which supplied information to the computer rather than being part of the rocessing mechanism. However, there was no evidence

about why the timewas inaccurate and his Lordship preferred to base his decision on the construction of section 69(1). In his Lordship's view, there was admissible evidence upon which the justices had been entitled to convict Ms McKeown, Mr Jones was charged with failing without reasonable excuse

to provide a specimen of breath when required to do so. He ted that he could not lawfully be required to provide breath rate clock. The Lion Intoximeter was an

approved type of device for the purposes of section 7(1) of the 1988 Act and it seemed to his Lordship impossible to argue that, by reason of the inaccuracy in its clock, the device could no longer be described as a Lion Intoximeter. Second, it was argued that the inaccuracy of the clock was a

reasonable excuse for Mr Jones's failure to provide a specimen. The difficulty about that argument was that Mr Jones had never claimed to have the slightest notion that there was anything wrong with the time on the clock. There had to be some causal connection between the excuse and the failure to present case, there was none.

Finally, it was submitted that the only admissible evidence that Mr Jones's second breath specimen was inadequate was the compute reading showing that the test had aborted. The arguments against the admissibility of the computer evidence were the same as those aiready rejected in the case of Ms McKeown. It followed that the appeal in Mr Jones's case should

Lord Goff, Lord Mustill, Lord Steyn and Lord Clyde agreed. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Service, Headquarters, Byrne Frodsham & Co. Widnes; Nyland & Beattje, Widnes,

## Evidence of provocation required

Regina v Acott Before Lord Mustill, Lord Noish, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Stryn and Lord Hoffman

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A trial judge was required to leave the issue of provocation to a jury in a murder trial pursuant to section 3 of the Homicide Act 1957 only where there was some evidence of a specific act or words of provocation resulting in a loss of control by the defendant. It did not matter from what source that evidence on at trial by the defendant or not. It was wrong for a trial judge to direct the jury to consider provocation where there was merely the speculative possibility of an act of provocation.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Brian Gordon Acott from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Mitchelli (The Times April 5, 1996; [1996] 4 All ER 443), who had dismissed the defendant's appeal against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (hudge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, and a jury) on June 19, 1995 for the murder of his

Section 3 of the 1957 Act provides: "Where on a charge of murder there is evidence on which the jury can find that the person charged was provoked (whether by things done or by things said or by both together) to lose his self control, the question whether the provocation was enough to make a onable man do as he did shall be left to be determined by the jury; and in determining that question the jury shall take into account everything both done and said according to the effect which, in their opinion, it would have on a

able man." Mr Michael Gale, QC and Mr Louis French for the defendant: Miss Heather Hallett, QC and Mr Simon Russell Flint for the Crown.

LORD STEYN said that the judge had not left the issue of

provocation to the jury. When questioned by the police and at the trial the defendant consistently denied that he was responsible for his mother's death and said that her injuries had been caused by her falling and his

unskilled efforts to resuscitate her. Two pathologists said that the deceased died as a result of a sustained attack. A third pathologist said that the injuries were explicable on the basis of the

The defendant's case was that he had not attacked his mother and was entitled to be acquitted. Coun-sel and the trial judge treated the tase as involving a single issue.
The jury rejected the defendant's ation and convicted him by

On appeal, counsel for the defendant submitted that the Crown had made provocation an defendant in cross-examination that he had lost his self control and attacked his mother and that he had been angered by his mother treating him like a little boy and

berating him.
He further submitted that the extent of the deceased's injuries were testimony to a frenzied attack which was prima facie indicative of a loss of self control and that that inference was reinforced by the cumulative effect of the following factors: the defendant was un-employed, he was in the humiliating position of having to ask his mother for money, she sametimes given to black moods and someimes drank heavily.

Section 3 of the 1957 Act could be divided into three parts: (i) the provoking conduct; (ii) causative elevant loss of self control; and (iii) provocation was enough to make a reasonable man do as the defen-dant did.

## **Consequential loss**

British Sugar pic v NEI Power Projects Ltd and

Another Consequential loss meant loss over and above that which arose as a direct result of such breaches as the plaintiff might prove in ac-cordance with the rules laid down

in Hadley v Baxendale ((1854) 9 Ex

Mr Justice Alliot so held in the Queen's Bench Division on December 20 when determining as a preliminary issue the proper nstruction of a term of a contract between British Sugar plc and NEI Power Projects Ltd. HIS LORDSHIP said that the

contract was worth £106,000 but the plaintiffs claimed damages totalling £5,009,637.

Having considered Millars Machinery Co Ltd v David Way & Son ((1935) 40 Com Cas 204); Saint Line Ltd v Richardsons, Westgarth 8 Co Ltd [1940] 2 KB 99) and Croudance Construction Ltd v Cannoods Concrete Products Ltd-[1978] 2 Ll LR 55] and making case of construction would turn upon the particular contract or term, his Lordship said that he found those authorities applicable,

binding and helpful. He concluded that "consequen-tial loss" meant such loss as the plaintiffs could prove over and above that which arose as a direct result of such breaches as the plaintiff could prove in accordance with Hadley v Baxendale. First, in respect of the provoking conduct, section 3 abolished the common law rule that words alone could not amount to provocation. By using the expression "provoking conduct no gloss on the plain words of the statute was intended.

Second, the question was whether the provoking conduct of the deceased caused the defendant to lose his self control, the subjective condition. In the absence of any evidence, emerging from whatever source, suggestive of the reasonable possibility that the defendant might have lost his self control due to the provoking conduct of the deceased, the ques-

tion of provocation did not arise. Third, the section provided that the question whether the provocareasonable man do as he did should be left to be determined by the jury. That provided for an external or objective standard and abolished the power of the judge to withdraw provocation as an issue

> and that a reasonable man would have been provoked as the defendant was.
> It remained the duty of the judge to decide whether there was evi-dence of provoking conduct which resulted in the defendant losing his

on the ground that there was no evidence on which the jury could

seli control. If in the opinion of the judge, even on a view most favourable to pufficient material for a jury to find that it was a reasonable poss that there was specific provoking conduct resulting in a loss of control there was simply no issue of provocation to be considered by

the jury: see Lee Chun-Chuen v The Queen [[1963] AC 220, 229]. The defendant throughout denied the suggestions put to him in that his relationship with his mother was good and that she had done nothing to anger him. The cross-examination produced no evidence of provoking conduct or of a loss of control.

Suggestions in cross-examination could not by themselves raise an issue of provocation where the evidence, on the most favourable view for the defendant, revealed no issue. Accordingly, his Londship rejected that way of putting the

His Lordship was willing to infer from the deceased's injuries that there was a reasonable possibility that the delendant lost his self control and attacked his mother in anger. But by itself that was not enough. The question was whether there was any evidence of specific provoking conduct.

Counsel for the defendant submitted that from the fact of loss of self control and the evidence that the defendant was sometimes treated as a little boy it was a rational inference that his loss of self control might have followed upon a specific provoking element albeit perhaps of a trivial "last

straw variety. In his Lordship's view the evidence was insufficient to support the suggested inference. It was not a reasonable possibility on the evidence: it was mere speculation. In those circumstances the appeal failed.

A loss of self control caused by fear, panic, sheer bad temper or circumstances, for example, a slow down of traffic due to snow, would not be enough. There had to be some evidence tending to show that the killing might have been an uncontrolled reaction to provoking conduct rather than an act of

Moreover, although there was no longer a rule of proportionality as between provocation and retali ation, the concept of proportionality was nevertheless still an important lactual element in the objective inquiry. It necessarily required of the jury an assessment of the seriousness of the

It followed that there could only be an issue of provocation to be considered by the jury if the judge considered that there was some evidence of a specific act or words of provocation resulting in a loss of

elf control. it did not matter from what source that evidence emerged or whether it was relied on at trial by the defendant or not. If there was

such evidence the judge had to leave the issue to the jury.

If there was no such evidence, but merely the speculative possibility that there had been an act of provocation, it was wrong for the udge to direct the jury to consider

provocation. In such a case there

was simply no triable issue of What was sufficient evidence was not a question of law. Where the line was to be drawn depended on a judgment involving logic and common sense, the assessment of matters of degree and an inte focus on the circumstances of a

particular case. It was unwise to generalise on such matters: it was a subject best left to the good sense of trial judges. For the same reason it was not useful to compare the facts of decided cases on provocation with

one another His Lordship's reasoning was subject to the overriding principle that the legal burden rested on the Crown to disprove provocation on a charge of murder to the required standard of proof. The legal position remained as summed up by Lord Devlin in Lee Chun-Chuen (at n229).

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RACING: BIG-RACE FIELD TAKES SHAPE AS DORANS PRIDE IS CONFIRMED A DEFINITE RUNNER

## Coome Hill enhances Gold Cup claims

RACING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER a winter of uncertainty, the Cheltenham Gold Cup at last began to take shape vesterday when Coome Hill won the Jim Ford Chase at Wincanton with authority and Dorans Pride was con-

firmed a definite runner.
The victory of Coome Hill. by a length and a quarter from Unguided Missile, was all the more meritorious because the elements, the racecourse and the cunning of Richard Dunwoody conspired against the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup winner,

The heavy rain which soaked most of the West Country during the previous 48 hours somehow missed Wincanton, leaving the ground quicker than Walter

### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BARTON WARD (4.00 Haydock Park) Next best: Mister Morose (3.00 Haydock Park)

Dennis, his trainer, would have liked for Coome Hill. To make matters worse, the long-striding eight-year-old prefers a galloping left-handed track rather than the sharp turns of the right-handed circuit at Wincanton. And then there was Dunwoody, a master tactician, who did his best to make life difficult for Jamie

Osborne and Coome Hill. Unguided Missile normally makes the running but Dunwoody knew that would play into the hands of his rival, who would appreciate a staminatesting gallop. Instead, Dunwoody opted for car-andmouse tactics and left Coome Hill to do the donkey work.

"I gave them [Dunwoody and Unguided Missile] the benefit of the doubt until halfway to the first, hoping

Going: Standard

**WOLVERHAMPTON** 

1.55 Hompipe, 2.25 Gold Lining, 2.55 Head Gardener, 3.25 in The Money, 3.55 Elite Hope, 4.25 Fast Spin, 4.55 BOLD FRONTIER (nap).

United Walkers (7) 4
6-4 Hompton, 4-1 Mulaci, 6-1 Muslang, Young Fooderick, 12-1 Jiffy Beneled,
Happy Brane, 14-1 pillers.

7-4 Bold Lining, 11-4 Dino's Alkstral, 6-1 Flieg The Chief. 10-1 Seconds Away. Flagstell, Efficacious, 12-1 Others.

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TRANGERS: J Barks. 6 entracts from 19 minutes. 31.6%; M Johnston, 44 horn 193, 22.8%; R Gaset, 8 from 36, 22.2%, T Barton, 12 from 62, 19.4%, C Dayer, 8 from 42, 19.0%, H Coffinguige, 4 from 22, 18.2%, JOCKEYS: Arthory Sond, 5 transes from 16 ndes 33.3%, W Ryan, 4 from 24, 16.7%, M J Dayer, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Holland, 12 from 78, 15.7%, R Lappin, 7 from 48, 14.6%; G Carter, 30 from 211, 14.2%.

2.25 FARNSFIELD APPRENTICES MAIDEN

HANDICAP (Div II: £1,745: 1m 100yd) (11)

2.55 BEESTHORPE CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,294: 1m 4f) (10)

Wincanton

2.05 g/m ch) 1. Indian Jockey (N Williamson, 11-8) 2. After The Fox (11-11-3, Roberts Price (16-1) Shanker 5-4 fav 7 nm. NP: Scottish Bambir 7, 111 M Pros Tote, 22-16: £1-40, £2-30, DF £4-90, CSF: £12-27.

235 (3m # 110yd ch) 1. Coome HBI (J Caborne, 7-4); 2. Unguded Missile (11-8 1ay); 3. Hansilvam (33-1) 7 ran NR. Bolshie Baron, 1ul. 101 W Dennis Tote: 53.00. 52.00, £1.50. DF: 52.80 CSF 54.55.

3.05 (2m hdle) 1. Der 16 35. 3.05 (2m hdle) 1. Dermane End (R. Durshoody, 16-1). 2. Romanes (11-4 Las). 2. Blast Freuze (4-1) 9 (an. NR: Last Little 8. 7) P Bessen Total: \$13.50, £2.90, £1.40, £2.50, DF £16 30. Two: £65 80 CSF (756 82)

138.10. CSF. E78.56.

4.05 (2m hde) 1. The Plying Phantom (R Currector), 5-11, 2 Give And Take (6.4 lav); 3. Chancon Boulevard (20-1) 18 ran, 1-4.

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1.55 FARNSFIELD APPRENTICES MAIDEN

HANDICAP (Div I: £1,745: 1m 100yd) (11 numers)

Draw; no advantage



Coome Hill clears the water ahead of Unguided Missile on his way to an impressive victory in the Jim Ford Chase at Wincanton yesterday

gallop. Instead, he sat there and put the handbrake on. I thought there was no point mucking around, so I decided to make it a test," Osborne

"Richard tried to outsmart me. Unguided Missile normally makes the running but he knew the way to get my horse beaten was a sprint. It was not ideal to have to make our own running because Coome Hill doesn't do a lot in front. Every time Richard came up to me he took a pull,

because he wanted as much of a sprint at the end as pos-sible."

When Unguided Missile jumped alongside at the cross fence, four from home, Dunwoody's tactics looked as though they would work, but Coome Hill's response was instant and even surprised Osborne. "He showed more foot. Richard was with me turning in and I put the throttle down before the third last and was soon two or three lengths in front," he said.

3.25 ADELPHI FOR CNC MACHINING HANDICAP

3.55 EAST MEDIANDS ELECTRICITY (LINCOLN)

1 -113 MR HEVESHAMO 13 (D.F.G) 61 Minore 7-10-0 S Winbureth 9 2 820- PENGAMON 247 (F.G.) H Cathopistop 5-8-9 J Dalan 7 3 400- RAY 135 (C.F.G.) 5 per 7-8-3 K Fistor 5 4 -123 BLITE HOPE 9 (CD.G) M Timber 5-9-3 G Carbor 1 5 2151 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 11 (B.D.F.G) M Jahrston 5-9-1 (BC) D McKennet 4

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7-2 Ma Revermind, 4-1 Elius Hope, 5-1 Three Arch Bridge, 6-1 Pergamon, 7-1 Golf Street, 8-7 Destejih, 10-1 Kira, 12-1 others,

Total 54.60; \$2.30, \$2.20, \$2.00 DF: \$12.10, Trio: \$18.30, GSF: \$17.82.

4.25 (2m 41 110yd ch) 1, Frezer Island (D O'Sulfven, 74-1); 2, Manchys Martino (2-5 taly; 3, Second Call (7-2) 7 ran. 21, 201. R Rover 10t; 28.90; 22.00, £1.20. DF £3.40 CSF: £18.35.

CSF: 178.86. 4.85 (2m 110) of holie) 1, Sheriffmuk (Afr F Scot), 13-8 tav), 2, Alke International (50-1): 3, Bigwines (Sti (2-1), 8 ren. 91, 41, Mrs J Woodham, Toto: 62.80, 67.50, 65.10, 61.10 DF, C38.80, CSF: 650.90, Tricast: 6157.96.

Placepot: £17.80. Quadpot: £10.70.

2.15 (Im 4f) 1, Pensian Conquest (S Senders, 8-11 tay); 2, Colosso (7-4), 3, Bedouin Prince (40-1) 6 ran 44, 101 R Ingram, Tota: £1.50; £1.10, £1.10, DF: £1.50, CSF: £2.06

2.45 (6) 1, Justinlanus (A Daly, 50-1); 2, Newington Butts (7-1); 3, Double Oscar (7-4), Mytons Mistake 5-4 (8), 7 nm 1 Ni. M J Bridger Tots, 599.80; 05.70, 53.20. DF; 598.40, CSF 5328.47

3.16 (51) 1. Ribill (3 Whatworth, 9-4 lav); 2. Novy's Grab Hire (11-2); 3. Superiso (12-1). 9 ran NR: Massier Ol Pession \*\*14, 144. Rigram Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.50, £2.40. OF: £9.00. Tipo: £42.00. CSF £13.23. Tricest: £108.99.

Tricast: £106.99.

2.45 (Im. 2) 1, Tellutah Belle If G. McLaughin, 9-1); 2, Shenghai Li (9-4 fav); 3, Queens Stroller 110-1) 10 rim 6, 51 N. Littrocken Tote: £2.00; £2.30, £1.10, £5.70. DF: £18.20 Tric: £3.00 CSF £27.78 Tricost £197.00.

4.15 (7) 1, Agent ID McKeown, 5-2); 2, Zeloya (7-1); 3, Pecang Poly (4-6 fav), 6 ran. 21.141 J Eyro Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.00 CSF: £17.43.

4.45 (7) 1, The Wyandotte from (f Lynch, 4-1); 2, Plan For Profit (11-4 fav); 3, Swidth (4-1); 8 ran. 96, (91. Ri Hollinshead Tote: £3.00; £2.80; £1.30, £1.40 DF: £5.30 CSF: £13.79, Tricost £41.57

Placeport £379.20. Quandoot: £11.60.

Placepot: \$379,20. Quadpot: £11.60.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

4.25 WELLOW SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2.294: 71) (9)

4.55 FARNDON KANDICAP

(22,843: 61) (13)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

5) M Tompkins. Tate: £7 30; £2.80, £1 50. £6 10 DF: £9.20, Trio £22 00. CSF: £12.78.

15 10 DF: 19.20, ton 22.00 CSF-11.73.44
4.55 (2m hdle) 1. Always: Happy: (A Maguire, 7-2 p-lav); 2. Classic Pal (7-2 p-lav); 3. The Brawer (55-1); 4. Lucayan Cay (14-1); 20 csr. 11e, 254. Miss G Kellewey. Cate: 63.70; E1.50, 21.50, 21.90, 53.10. DF: E14.70. Tito: 51,625.40 (part won. Pool of 1938 67 camed forward to 4.00 Haydock (coday) CSF: E14.97 Tricast: E705.33.

(coday) CSF: 21-187 Interest Products 5,05 (2m fiet) 1, Noisy Miner (R Massey, 15-8 (av); 2, Filscot (33-1); 3, Redgrave Woll (33-1), 17 ran, MR: Jim's Quest, 12, oh hd. D Nicholson, Tote: 23-60; 22-30, 512-70, 27,90 DF £107-40, Tro: (not won. Pool of 1292 79 carried forward to 4,00 Haydook (oday), CSF: 295-78.

Jackpot not won (pool of £37,485.63 carried toward to Haydock today).
Placepot: £231.60. Quadpot: £79,40,

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Going: good to Soft gold 1. Ledy High 1.50 (2m at 110yd high) 1, Ledy High 1.50 (2m at 110yd high) 1, Ledy High 1.50 (31 1). 16 (an. NR: Positivo 10. Nr. T. Forster Tote: 54.40; £1.10, £1.20, £1.90, £5.10 DF; £5.30 Trio: £27.70. CSF: £9.24 Trucast £39.08

Tricast £39.08
2.20 (2m ch) 1, Calife Barle (S. Meskell, 10-1), 2, Eastern River (13-8 tav); 3, Solo Gent (9-1), 12 ran, v3, 41 H Hodge, Tota: £8 80; £1 80, £1 80, £1 80, £7 53,70 Tric. £4 70, CSF £25 73, Tricast £151,87

2.50 (2m 110/d helle) 1, Kings Witness (D 8:ddyseter, 6-4 tov), 2, Sulames (10-1); 3, Partol's Hill 6-1) 8 cam. 14, 71. P Nicholls. Tole: 62.80, £1.40, £2.10, £1.10. OF £8.10. CSF: £16.77

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3.50 (2m 110yd hdie) 1. Nishamira (D Galaghet, 3-1 (av); 2. Ardinia (5-1), 2. Takeamerro (7-2), 22 (an 2), 1% (T Barron

Huntingdon

With Unguided Missile making a mistake at the third last, Coome Hill's advantage was never going to be over-hauled. He looks an each-way banker for the Gold Cup, for which he is a best-priced 7-1 with Ladbrokes. His jumping is impeccable and he will relish the likes of Dublin Flyer ensuring a strong pace. "Races like the Gold Cup or Grand National will suit him because he will get a good gallop and stamina is his strong suit,"

SOUTHWELL

2.20 Weeheby, 2.50 As Du Treffe, 3.20 Really A Rascal. 3.50 Fortunes Course, 4.20 Carlisle Bandito's, 4.50 Smolensk

2.20 HIGHTINGALE HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

9 - Pri OLD REDWOOD 14 Mes L Williamenan 10-10-2 R Bellimmy 10 - 20- RINUS MANDR 440 D McCale 5-10-0 . 7 Junits 3.1 Farming Mandr 7-2 Symmone, 4-1 Source Petrel, 6-1 Ms Bean, 7-1 Wesheby, 8-1 Record Lover, 10-1 Daube Imp, 12-1 others.

4-6 As Du Tielle, 4-1 Lodiery Tiebel, 6-1 Easy Breezy, 8-1 Point's Choice, 10-1 Peut Ence, 14-1 Datucada, 20-1 pitors.

3.20 ADELPHI FOR CHC MACHINING HANDICAP

1 2-04 MUISOM BEACH 10 (F.E.S) M Pac 12-12-0....... A P MicCoy 2 3222 FATRER SKY 25 (B.D.F) D Shemood 5-13-7. JA McCoydly 3 236F REALLY A RASCAL & (S) D Gandato 10-11-2..... D Fort (S) 4 3F73 CHILDHAY CHOCOLATE 21 (CD.F.S) P Michalls 9-16-10 R Johnson 5 PREY YOUNG MIMER 709 (6.S) Mr. 1 McInnes Sumes 11-10-5

6 Upton
6 3455 CROPPEDY LAD 10 (0.F) P Webber 10-10-3 ...... A Thornton
2-1 Futher Sky, 11-4 Magoni Brach, 7-2 Children Chocotate, 5-1 Really A Rescal.
6-1 Croppedy Lad, 12-1 Young Miner

2.50 PHOENIX MOVICES CHASE

(£3,485: 3m 110yd) (9)

CHASE (£3,355: 3m 110yd) (6)

Osborne added.

THUNDERER

going: Good

(£3,453: 2m) (10 runners)

A much relieved Dennis said: "He will improve for that and he is a better horse on a left-handed track. It has been a difficult time after Sandown [where he fell]. It put a cloud over things and when you live with him every day you think 'am I doing everything right', but he has proved me right

again today. Unguided Missile will still take his chance in the Gold Cup, joining stablemates One Man, Addington Boy and The Grey Monk, according to

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trainer Gordon Richards's son, Nicky. Watching the race on tele-

vision with more than passing interest was Tom Doran, owner of Dorans Pride, and last night he confirmed his exciting chaser will line up for the Gold Cup unless the ground is firm. Based in London, the Irishman has laid out £5,000 on his horse at 33-1, 20-1 and ios. "He's none the worse for his fall at Thurles, galloped this morning and everything is 100 per cent," he said.

## 3.50 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY (LINCOLN) HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,745: 3m 110yd) (11)

3-1 Mr Strong Sale, 7-2 Nick The Boak, 4-1 Fortunes Course, 5-1 Pharare, 6-1 Rhygampur, 8-1 Linton Rocks, 10-1 Nation, 12-1 others

| 4.20 ALBATROS NOVICES HUROLE<br>(£2,829; 2m) (10) |      |                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1                                                 | -11F | CARLUSLE BANDITO'S 15 (F) J Berry 5-11-2 M Moloney     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                                                 | P    | STA GEORGY 9 C Dayer 6-11-2 Lawrance                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                                                 | DOPE | DODGY DANCER 18 (8) Mrs L Williamson 7-11-2. R Bellemy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                                                 | P00- | KARBU 335 J Bennett 6-11-2 W McFarland                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                                                 | up-  | NEBAAL 407 (G) 6 Barneti 7-11-2 R Farrant              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ę.                                                | O    | OTTO E MEZZO 9 N Polotese 5-11-2 V Smith               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                                                 | 5    | PINKERTON'S PAL 16 M Page 6-11-2 A P McCoy             |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                                                 |      | RING OF VISION 134F C Nam 5-11-2 J Radon               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                                                 | 90-  | GREENACRES STAR 318 W Clay 7-10-1) Guy Lowis (3)       |  |  |  |  |  |
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### 7-4 Carlotte Bardino's, 5-2 Protection's Pal. 7-2 Ring Ol Visión, 5-1 Risky Tu, 8-1 Otto E Mezzo, 12-1 Netsail, 16-1 others 4.50 VULTURE NOVICES HURDLE

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|       | -213        | BEECHFIELD FLYER 10 (S) W Clay 6-11-1 6 Torms                        |
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☐ Tallulah Belle gave Nick Littmoden, who trains at Wolverhampton racecourse, his fifth winner of 1997 when landing the David Copperfield Handicap at the Midlands track yesterday.

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Squime Silb, in novice chase at Newbury (2m 1).

## 4.00 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE / JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,853: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

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BETTING: 3-1 Big Stand, 7-2 Porevalue, 6-1 Banton Wand, 7-1 Out Conturn, 8-1 Topszeryer, 10-1 others

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4.30 WALRUS HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,544: 3m) (1) numers) 

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**5.00** LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (\$3,039; 2m) (10 numers)

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1996: DARK STRANGER 5-11-6 D Gallagher (9-2) C Brooks 20 ran

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BREAK THE RULES best Devon Pessard 31/4 in Interpret makes hurdle at Tauston (2n ft. good). BUTTERMICK KING 41/4 3rd of 14 in Champo is start. COCIL. AS A CHICLARDER SOF on a ft. of the start. COCIL. AS A CHICLARDER SOF on a ft. of the start in Mayora in Start in August in National Hurs Flat race at Townstern COCIL. AS A CHICLARDER SOF on a ft. of the start in August 1996. WILLIAM START IN START IN A GUILLANDER SOFT IN THE

### SPECIALISTS

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: T Forster, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42 9%; G Richards, 32 from 105, 30.5%; T Tate, 5 from 17, 29 4%; N Twiston-Davies, 16 from 83, 25.4%; D Nicholson, 11 from 46, 23.9%; C Brooks, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

Jockeys: R Durawoody, 22 winners from 75 rides, 29.3%, R Supple, 4 from 14, 28.6%, C Dewellyn, 12 from 48, 25.0%; D Bridgwater, 11 from 44, 25.0%; G Bradley, 8 from 38, 22.2%; A Dobbrn, 11 from 56, 19.6%.

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## Rowell sticks with team of record-breakers

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE British Isles selectors may disagree, but Jack Rowell, the England coach, is not for turning where his side is concerned. In the week in which the Lions ignored the England threequarters in their preliminary tour party. Rowell yesterday named an unchanged XV for the five nations' championship match with France at Twickenham

on March L Rowell will remember taking an unchanged XV through the 1995 championship, which ended in a grand slam for England, and he is not disposed to drop those who have accumulated 87 points in

record victories over Scotland and Ireland. The only amendment to the match squad which did duty in Dublin last weekend sees the return as replacement hooker of Phil Greening, whose knee injury allowed Richard Cockerill a brief glimpse of the big time. "We have all been searching for

this integrated rugby for so long and for players with the ability to become involved in that kind of game," Les Cusworth, the assistant coach, said. "We saw signs of it in Dublin, but there is still some way to go. Players are still being squeezed under pressure, but some questions were answered at the

Thus Jeremy Guscott and Austin

Ireland, return to the bench, and Will Greenwood - named, like them, by the Lions - remains as England captain for the A international with France on February 28. Few will have expected anything

Cambridge University Union on Wednesday night that he has no great rapport with Fran Cotton, the British Lions manager.

De Glanville, the England captain, was critical of the timing of the Lions squad announcement on Monday - regardless of his omis-

sion - because he felt that it would

be a distraction to players concen-

else, including Phil de Glanville,

who informed an audience at the

### **ENGLAND TEAM**

great secret that I do not get on with Fran Cotton," de Glanville told his audience. "When I was one of the England players' representatives during difficult early negotiations with the Rugby Football Union

manager, I thought it was unlikely I would be going to South Africa." Rowell's priorities remain the

development of a team that can successfully challenge for the 1999 World Cup, a development that has the experience and calm authority of de Glanville and Will Carling at its heart - for now. Moreover, the success of his team will help to create a less frenetic outlook among the England administrators as they explore the new world of

Yesterday, the second division clubs discussed the structure of the

chairmanship of Bedford, admitted that he had already invested twice the sum he had anticipated in the club this season.

We don't expect to make any profit for five years, but we have to . adopt a professional attitude, on and off the field," Warren said. "If players expect to receive payment. then they have to perform to a standard that matches the expectations of their employers.

"I am determined that Bedford will become the No I club in the country within the next five years. but we are going to have to invest domestic game at Rugby while one heavily and our members are of their number onlined the hard going to have to pay more. Our

interesting discussions with him. facts of sporting life. Frank War-When he was appointed Lions ren, who has taken over the we shall have to look at whether we develop [Goldington Road] or whether we move somewhere else in the town if we are to entertain the likes of Bath and Leicester. We can no longer be a benevolent society."

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While representatives of the second division clubs debated a proposal from Nottingham that there should be no relegation this season, and the size of the division next season, Moseley splashed out once more by signing Ian Smith, the Scotland flanker, from Gloucester. Smith has been at odds with Gloucester for most of this season and has played little first team rugby. He hopes to make his debut against Rugby on March &

## Brittle is after tight controls

By David Hands

CLIFF BRITTLE admitted yesterday that he has relaxed his demand for another special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to debate the game's future. but he called for stricter regulation of the movement of players and the control of finances.

Brittle, chairman of the RFU executive committee. accepted on a visit to Fylde that the union and its leading clubs had established a legally-binding agreement. "But people in the game of rugby are worried about its future and the use of money earned by the sport," he said. "Clubs in the third and fourth divisions are committed to just as much expenditure - sometimes more when it comes to travel.

"I am very unhappy about the situation in which the RFU and, indeed, the Welsh Rugby Union have had to bail out some dubs."

Representatives of the European elite meet in Dublin today to discuss the structure of next season, amid speculation that a television agreement involving Scotland, Ireland

## Newcastle spirit to be put to the test

ative backwaters of the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, to gauge whether we at Newcastle are as good as we might like to think we are. Unlike Leicester, our opponents at home in the Pilkington Cup tomorrow. Newcastle lack the intensity of weekly competition provided

in the first division. As much as we want to win. the quarter-final is a perfect opportunity to assess how far the team has come in a short time. With due respect to the sides we have met this season. Leicester are a cut above them. Our defeat of West Hartlepool earlier in the competition was an indication that we could compete at the bottom end of the first division. The top end is another matter.

We rejected the chance to take the match to Gateshead to accommodate a bigger audience. The tickets went in two days. I would rather have Leicester face us with 6,000 hemmed in at Kingston Park.

These are the days I am ambitious for at Newcastle. The match itself has numerous sub-plots. Gary Armstrong is up against Austin Healey at scrum half: there will be a great battle in the centre between Alan Tait and Will Greenwood: Nick Pooplewell and Ross Nesdale, our



Rob Andrew sees the visit of Leicester to Tyneside as a time

to assess the progress of his side the Leicester ABC club: can Garath Archer out-jump Mar-

Joel Stransky, whose play I These are the sort of names who have given rugby such a tremendous lift in the professional era. The game's profile has been boosted, and in the five nations' championship we have already witnessed professionalism's benefits in greater

fitness and enhanced physical

tin Johnson at the lineout? For my part, I have never faced

ngland's record-breaking defeats of Scotland and Ireland were direct results of clubs' efforts. If there is one thing that I would like to see changed, however, it is the breaking up of the dominance of Leicester, Bath, Wasps and Harlequins. Sale, Saracens and Northampton are striving hard, but I believe that Newcastle have the potential to get into the top four. honefully next year, and be a competitive force in Europe.

The references to Newcastle peing a i am or mercenanes anger me. The nearest big club Ireland front row duo, take on from here, on the eastern side rugby at Newcastle.

of the country, is a four-hour drive, at Leicester. The Newcastle Falcons venture is a genuine attempt to redress that imbalance, to reverse the trend of players moving south, and to give rugby in the North a new, vibrant and, hopefully, winning focus.

It is not an expensive side to run; our wage bill compared with many other clubs is not excessive. Big-money signings have been around in rugby much longer than people care to remember, except it was rugby union players switching for significant sums to rugby league. All that has happened is that the traffic is now moving in the opposite direction. Va'aiga Tuigamala, incidentally, whom we signed on Wednesday, cannot play against Leicester as he was cup-tied by Wasps.

Team spirit is usually forged over years, but at Newcastle there is already that spirit, the will to win and thirst for success. From a playing point of view, tomorrow will be my biggest day in 16 ☐ Rob Andrew is director of



Rios plays a forehand during his defeat by Damm in a match in which both players were hampered by injury

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## Injury fails to burst Damm's resolve

MARTIN DAMM, of the Czech Republic, shrugged off the inconvenience of a twisted ankle, sustained in the closing stages of his match with Marcelo Rios yesterday, to advance to the quarter-finals of the European Community Championship in Antwerp with a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 victory.

Damm, ranked No 48 in the world, had led 5-2 in the deciding set against the Chilean, who last weekend was forced to retire because of a leg injury in the final of a tournament in Marseilles, and finally went through after a tie-

won the first meet-Damm

after a contest lasting two hours, 12 minutes, but Rios said that he was still suffering from the leg injury that had forced him to retire four days

"I don't think I was fit enough to have played," Rios, 22, the second seed, said. "My leg didn't feel so good. Every point was killing my leg. I didn't feel like I wanted to quit during the match - I did that already. But, if I had won, I don't think I would have been able to play the next match

After having his left ankle taped, Damm came back out to secure a meeting in the last eight with Marc Goellner, of

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ing between the two players Germany, on the first of three match points. Petr Korda, the 29-year-old

Czech, defeated Javier Sánchez, of Spain, 6-3, 6-3, and Francisco Clavet accounted for Johan Van Herck, of Belgium, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. The tournament has been

blighted by injuries to leading players, with Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic forced to withdraw before playing their matches. Andrew Richardson, from

Lincolnshire, the top seed, will meet Luke Milligan, the Great Britain Davis Cup player, in the quarter-finals of the LTA men's indoor satellite tournament at Eastbourne today. In the second round yesterday, Richardson defeated the Lancastrian player, Barry Cowan, 6-2, 7-6, while Milligan, from Middlesex. knocked out Markus Wislesperger, the German qualifier, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, has confirmed his entry

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for the Nottingham Open. which will be staged from June 16 to 21. Rusedski, who

has reached the finals of the Croatian Open and a tournament in San Jose in the past three weeks, said: "I'm really looking forward to returning to Nottingham. It's always a thrill to play in front of a home crowd and I'm determined to improve on my semi-final showing [of last year]."

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Higgins on

course

to secure

third title

By PHIL YATES

A CONTROVERSIAL referee-

ing decision at the Internation-

al Open in Aberdeen yesterday failed to prevent

John Higgins from registering

his seventeenth consecutive

win in the tournament. Hig-

gins, attempting to join Ste-

phen Hendry and Steve Davis

as the only player to win the same world ranking event for

three successive years,

reached the semi-finals by

Breaks of 118, 52 and 56 were

the building blocks of a 3-2 lead for Higgins. He also

enjoyed a 60-16 advantage in the sixth frame when, with the

cue-ball in close proximity to a

red, Higgins potted it only for Alan Chamberlain to call a

push shot.
I don't think I fouled it.

Higgins, whose opinion was

reinforced by slow-motion re-

plays of the incident, said. The

mood of the title-holder was

not improved by a subsequent

yellow-to-pink clearance that

enabled McManus to level at

A break of 87, an admirable

effort under the circum-

stances, enabled Higgins to

regain the lead at 4-3 and he

added a disjointed eighth frame, during which the ner-vousness of both players was

apparent, to secure a meeting

Peter Ebdon, who has be-

come increasingly depressed

with his form since winning

the Regal Masters in Mother-

well five months ago, has been

emotionally uplifted by his

By Ebdon's own admission,

that is good news for his wife,

with Tony Drago.

return to Scotland.

bearing Alan McManus 5-3

## Basement better than annexe for Rochdale

t was inevitable, I knew the temptation would be too great. It had to be a teddy bear, or one of those bibs with the slogan, "I'm The Best Dribbler In ... It is something men do - we pass on our football teams like a family heirloom.

My son, George, is four months old. Among his few possessions is a teddy hear in a shiny royal blue football strip with Rochdale FC emblazoned upon it. My father bought it and I am touched that he interrupted his working day to visit the club shop and buy it especially for his grandson.

I have been more reticent about this gentle indoctrination since Rochdale have brought me misery and joy in equal measures. The pain of defeat upon defeat has sometimes been too acute and the aura of losing gets on your clothes, in your bones. There is another problem, too, of fargreater significance - will Rochdale survive? Is my father encouraging my son to fall in love with a terminally ill football club?

Rochdale are a typical Nationwide League third division club. So typical, that they have remained in professional football's bottom division for 23 years, which is longer than anyone else. They do not have the debts of Millwall, Bournemouth or Darlington, but common sense dictates that, somewhere between the black and the red, lies a large financial bruise that is the Rochdale bank balance.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, has warned that football's professional pyramid might not be built to last. He has suggested that more "liaison" is required

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means top clubs loaning out the odd player to a lower division club, or offering use of training facilities, the notion is

There are suggestions, how-ever, that liaising might be a cover for something more ominous. The egocentricity of some FA Carling Premiership clubs is such that they plan to ask less wealthy teams to become their "feeder" clubs.

While this has to be properly defined, it will probably amount to them taking a controlling interest in smaller clubs. They will then use them to develop talent under a formal agreement to inherit the better players. In other words. Rochdale could well become another version of Manchester United Reserves.

Several clubs from football's lowest caste have already expressed support for the idea. Crewe Alexandra have climbed into bed with Liverpool; the terminology here has been an "alliance". The first consequence of this is that Gareth Whalley, Crewe's promising midfield player.

On Tuesday, I watched Rochdale play Hereford United at Spotland in a 0-0 draw. I was part of the smallest crowd to watch a game of profession al football in England this season. It rained, the sleet came down, but all 1,074 of us saw a young man of enormous potential in Rochdale's No 10 shirt. His first touch is sure, his passing elegant, and he has the courage to eschew the obvious for the enterprising. Alex Russell belongs to Rochdale, from his shin pads to his intelligent footballing brain. and no other club has a

Antield on trial. This sets a

view that survival is more

important than autonomy, but

they are overlooking a basic

tenet of being a football sup-

porter. Part of loving your

learn, really loving, is an

antipathy towards everyone

else. I do not want to see

Rochdale in servitude to Liver-

pool, Manchester United et al.

want to see them victorious

in a cup match, with Roy Evans or Alex Ferguson cry-

ing into John Motson's sheep-

skin coat on Match of the Day.

more regularly than I would

like, but at least the ineptitude

is all our own. We answer to no one, owe nothing to anyone — except the bank. A large

part of fanaticism is the exclu-

sivity of one's loyalty. It is a

love that cannot be shared,

whatever the inducement.

Although my view might seem parochial, I would rather see Rochdale fold than annexed.

We see talent in its raw state.

Usually, these players stay with the club two or three

seasons. If Rochdale become a

feeder club, they will be whisked away after a handful

of matches and our diet will

forever be the stodgy fare of

football journeymen.

support Rochdale precise-

ly because they are an autocracy. We might lose

Cup?

timeshare on this talent. There is also the pervading joy of the idiosyncratic nature of your own particular club. The ground has its own smell its own characters; a whole series of beautiful peculiarities. These exist for their own sake, in their own right. When Football Club pic comes along, they will be merely incidentals, an addendum to the mother ship down the motorway. If someone offers to decorate your house, make sure it is not on condition that they choose the wallpaper. Lynne Truss is away.

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bad for football.

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Yours faithfully.

Wolverhampton,

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From Mr Mark Brennand

Sir. I cannot agree with the

view taken by Mr Will M. Vander Byl (Sports Letters, February 14) that the legal

action proposed by Bradford

City against Kevin Gray is

Thirteen years ago, in a West Midlands League match,

was on the receiving end of a

brutal tackle. I was left with a

double fracture of the right leg

and, then 26, I never played

I have no doubt that the

player who committed the

tackle did it with the intent to

harm. A known "hard man"

he neither visited me in hospi-

tal nor apologised for his action, further confirming my

belief that his challenge was

To say that no professional

footballer would deliberately

set out to break another's leg is

naive. Does Mr Vander By

consider the two-footed, over-

the ball tackle, which we wit-

ness every season, as just an

Players who commit such

offences should be banned

and, where injury results

ton family motto "nec elatus

nec dejectus ineither uplifted

nor downcast]" should serve

as a reminder not to take some

media comments too seriously.

Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

MARK ATHERTON.

accepted part of game?

## Alphand slips back in the groove

LAST week Luc Alphand went to Sestriere, Italy, as the favourite for the gold medal in the world Alpine skiing championship downhill race. Instead, Alphand, 31, from France, crashed into the snow, the victim of a rare spill that ruined his medal hopes.

Less than a week after the end of the championships, Alphand is back on the World worrying precedent, since it Cup circuit, still in the runshows that Crewe's priority is ning for three titles. In Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Gernot strengthening their own team, but someone elses. If many, yesterday he gave Chesterfield and Wrexham notice that he is still a force on had adopted the same policy. the slopes by posting the would they still be in the FA fastest time in the practice run for the downhill race Some clubs clearly take the

Alphand descended one of the most challenging mountains on the circuit in Imin 57.88sec, 0.48sec ahead of Kristian Ghedina, of Italy, who is second in the downhill rankings. Pietro Vitalini, another Italian, was third fastest in Imin 58.44sec.

Bruno Kernen, of Switzerland, the world champion, was eighteenth, some three seconds behind Alphand; Lasse Kjus, of Norway, the runner-up, was 45th.

Alphand won on the tough Kandahar piste last year but, after Sestriere, he needs to bounce back to form quickly in the German resort, where super giant slaloms are scheduled for today and tomorrow in addition to the downhill.

Training times on the World Cup circuit can some-times be misleading, as some racers do not ski to their limits, but Alphand went flat out because he needed to boost his self-confidence.

"I went faster than usual today because I needed to prove to myself that I was OK," he said. "I had a week off after Sestriere, but I managed to motivate myself for the World Cup immediately." Alphand is also bidding to

become the first Frenchman to win the overall World Cop title since Jean-Claude Killy. in 1968. He is just four points behind Kjetil Andre Aamodt, of Norway, who clocked the



Alphand was in prime form in downhill practice at Garmisch-Partenkirchen yesterday

25th-fastest downhill time of 2min Ol.Olsec but is a stronger

ali-round skier. There are II races left in the World Cup programme, seven of which are speed events, in which Alphand will have the chance to pick up points. He leads in the downhill and

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super giant slalom standings and has 737 points to Aamodi's 741 overall. In the downhill, Alphand has a 71point lead over Ghedina, who won the bronze medal in Sestriere. By winning the first super giant slalom of his career in Laax, Switzerland,

in January, Alphand has also taken the lead in that event. 21 points ahead of Hans Knaus, of Austria.

The weather was warm in Garmisch yesterday, but organisers were confident that the races would be able to

Deborah. The intensely ambi-tious Londoner, who defeated Ronnie O'Sullivan 5-1 to guarantee his appearance in the semi-finals of a ranking event for the first time this season. has allowed professional concerns to overlap into his personal life. "I've been a miserable so-

and-so over the past few months and for that I've got to apologise," Ebdon said. "I put so much into my game that, if affects not only my career but also my life in general. I'm so pleased to have turned the corner."

Ebdon, successful in only four of his previous 14 meetings with O'Sullivan, dictated that this scurrilous rumour is the pace. With the exception of quickfire break of 98 in the fifth frame, when he aiready trailed 4-0. O'Sullivan was comprehensively contained.

Drago, from Malta, converted his tenth ranking event quarter-final into a semi-final debut by beating John Parrott 5-3. He compiled breaks of 48. 118, 63 and 65 to establish a 4-1 lead, but Parrott pulled back to 3-4 before Drago overcame a growing psychological obstacle to win the eighth.

## Royle warned over outburst at referee

JOE ROYLE, the Everton County and Middles-manager, has been given a brough has been rear-warning about his future ranged for next Wednesday manager, has been given a warning about his future conduct by the Football Association over remarks he made to David Elleray. the referee, after the FA Carling Premiership match at Blackburn Rovers in September.

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Royle made his com ments in an outburst in the dressing rooms after the game, during which the Harrow official sent off Duncan Ferguson, Royle. who attended a hearing at Lancaster Gate yesterday, had been charged with misconduct by the FA.

The postponed Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, first leg between Stockport

From Ms Marian Thomas

Sir, Steve McManaman's col-

umn (February 17) says it all.

The hand-wringing that fol-lowed England's defeat by

Italy last week was considera-

bly overdue, and the hysterical

press pillorying of Matt Le

l'issier was quite contempt-

Given the traditional str-

engths of Italy, the result was not astonishing (albeit a differ-

ent one would have been wel-

come), nor was England's

game quite as deficient as

post-match depression sug-

gests. Le Tissier gave a perfect-

Simply the best

From Mr Hugh Cartwright

Sir, I accept that I am still

coming to terms with Jimmy

Greaves not being included in

the England team for the 1966

Now I find that Jeremy

Guscott, undoubtedly the pick

of current England, if not

world, rugby centres, does not

start in the international line-

up. He came on with three

minutes to go against Ireland

last Saturday and with exqui-

sitely timed passes added the

class for Tony Underwood to

score two tries. I accept that

the opponents were tired by

then, but why does the paying

public not see the best? Are we

Just think about it in 1966:

there would have been no need

for extra-time; Greaves would

not the ones that matter?

have scored the winner.

curs faithfully, HUGH CARTWRIGHT.

football World Cup final.

at Edgeley Park. Middles-brough's Premiership match with Manchester United, due to have taken place at Old Trafford the same night, has consequently been postponed.

Celtic yesterday complet ed the signing of Enrico Annoni, the AS Roma defender. The Italian was valued in the region of £350,000 and is expected to add strength to a defence that has looked suspect at times this season. Celtic are hoping that Annoni. 30, will receive international clearance in time to play at Motherwell tomorrow.

**SPORTS LETTERS** 

ly decent, constructive and

commendably calm perform-ance in testing circumstances

and offered encouraging evi-

dence that he is able to repro-

duce at international level the

skills for which he was rightly selected (and which are not

restricted to the spectacular

Of course, there will be

aspects of England's game which Glenn Hoddle will be

looking to improve, but I don't believe his tactical approach to

the match was fundamentally

misconceived. Some of the

Italian players' reported com-

ments afterwards seemed al-

most like an invitation to

Hoddle to resort to the tradi-

tional English virtues of mus-

cle and non-stop running next

time - which they know their

admittedly, produce a mea-

sure of success at international

level, probably comparable to.

that achieved by Norway in

recent years. But, to get results

at the level the demanding and

optimistic English public as-pires to, what is needed, in

addition to outstanding tech-

nical skill, is speed of thought

and execution - qualities

which Hoddle no doubt recog-

Doubts answered

Sir. Pollowing the great per-

formance from the England

cricket captain in the final Test

against New Zealand, media

doubters will predictably

change their tune. The Ather-

From Mr M. A. Atherton

nises in Le Tissier.

MARIAN THOMAS,

7 Woodlands Road.

Surbiton, Surrey.

Yours faithfully.

Following that route could,

system can handle.

volleying of loose balls).

Hoddle right to alter approach Punishment

## Furies roar fresh welcome to Putter

By JOHN HOPKINS

**GOLF CORRESPONDENT** 

RIGHT on cue, the weather has taken a turn for the worse. The three inches of snow that blanketed Rye Golf Club and caused the President's Putter to be postponed in the first week in January meited away long ago. In its place, just in time for the restart of the Putter this morning, has come a wind that could be called lion-hearted except that that barely seems adequate for the vengeful furies that have roared in the past days.

John Behrend sat in his flat overlooking the 2nd fairway at Hoylake, near Liverpool, on Wednesday and feared for the roof. There were squally

showers rattling against the windows but the main thing was the wind. It created a borrible banging noise on the roof, as if the tiles were being dislodged one by one. I am afraid I did not check whether all the tiles were still in place before I left. Perhaps I should

By yesterday, the wind had abated but not disappeared. In the sturdy Rye clubhouse. hidden among the dunes, the direction gauge in the corridor indicated a southerly wind gusting up to 35mph at lunchtime. Added to this was a stinging rain.

Veterans of the President's Putter rubbed their hands. This event would not be the same in a flat calm, any more would be the Grand National with half as many fences. "If you think this is bad." Peter Gardiner-Hill said, "you

should have seen it in 1993 when the final had to be abandoned after a few holes because the wind was so itors in a subsidiary competition reached the edge of the green of the short 5th and then one took 14 putts.

Among the members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. Peter Gracey, who competing in his 49th successive Putter, is regarded with a mixture of awe and admiration. He still plays in little more warming than a

thin sweater which, if past

high cards are in useful

places. This was a somewhat

llawed auction, as in principle

singleton rather than a void.

However it still helped Senior,

he could see that his good

numps, ace of diamonds and

poor clubs were enough to

This was the Scots' auction.

In my view East underbid and

West overbid. Once East has

heard the splinter bid and the heart cue-bid he should drive

to slam rather than sign off in

Four Spades. And West

should pass Four Spades - by

then he has described his

hand. To bid on he needed

more in the way of playing

#AJ944A64+KQJ763#-

Both declarers made the slam

make a slam promising.

West 1 D

splinter should show a

There is a rumour circulating that a friendly relative has either had the hole repaired or bought him a new sweater. For the sake of tradition and

eccentricity it is to be hoped foundation. Gracev and Peter Bathurst, author of the history of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society and captain in 1972, had a few friendly holes yesterday morning and were then interviewed by local television.

Mark Cox will be pleased to get underway this morning. In January he flew over from the United States unaware that the weather was about to cause the postponement.

## IN BRIEF

## Goulding penalty shortened

BOBBIE GOULDING, the St Helens captain, yesterday had his eight-match ban reduced by two games at a Rugby Football League appeal hearing in Leeds. He had received the punishment after pleading guilty to a high tackle in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth-round ne against Wigan.

Golf: Thomas Gogele, of Germany, shot a courserecord 64, eight under par, at the Houghton Golf Chub to hold the first-round lead in the Alfred Dunhill PGA in Johannesburg yesterday.

□ José Maria Olazabal, of

Spain, who has sidelined for 18 months with rheumatoid arthritis, said yesterday that he will make his long-awaited comeback at the Dubai Desert Classic next week.

☐ Boxing: Ioe Calzaghe, the unbeaten super-middleweight, will contest a world title in September, against either Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation champion, from Ireland, or Robin Reid, from Runcom, who holds the World Boxing Coun-

Athletics: The International Amateur Athletic Federation has said that it is mystified by an application for reinstatement by Ben Johnson, the Canadian sprinter banned for life for drug taking.

Cycling: A riders' protest about the Tour of Langkawi transport arrangements resulted in the second stage being cancelled yesterday.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE that they help the splinterer's By ROBERT SHEEHAN. partner to judge whether his

### BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

One important tool in slam bidding is the 'splinter' bid. In auctions in which a single jump in a new suit would be forcing, a double jump shows support for partner's suit and shortage in the bid suit. Here is an example from the 1996 Macallan Camrose international between Scotland and England.

N KQ653 € 952 AQ42 KQ1054

Brian Senior and I bid as follows: 4 C(1) 4 H(2) 5 H(4)

 Splinter short clubs game-going values and spade support 2 Cue-bids

Five ace Blackwood spade king counts as an acc. 4. Two of five aces, without the queen of trumps.

The great virtue of splinters is

WORD-WATCHING

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bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

### By Philip Howard

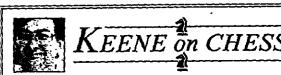
OSMUNDA a. The backbone b. A fem

c. A clean face

**PONHAUS** a. Pork pudding b. A town hall

RELACHE a. A rest b. Husky reins c. To defect again

> POIPOL a. A servant b. A man's skirt c. Coconut porridge



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

## Jersey International

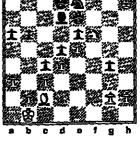
Chess in Jersey has attracted a strong field including grand-master Bogdan Lalic, his wife and former British champion grandmaster Julian Hodgson, and the reigning British champion, four rounds Boedan Lalic, Hodgson and Ward share the joint lead on 312 points with Leighton Wil-liams. In round four Hodgson won the following controlled game. White: Julian Hodgson

Black: Kenneth McEwan Jersey International,

eЗ Nbd7 Bb7 c5 h6 Bxf6 Qc7 Bxe5 0-0-0

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Ng1 Q14 Ne2 Qh6 a3 Nxh5 B37 Oh6 Diagram of final position

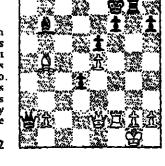


☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Lalic - Becerra, Linares 1997. Black may have thought that he had a good game here - his queen is ready to penetrate to. White's back rank and he has pressure against g2. If so, White's disillusioned him. What did he



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CRICKET: SURREY PAIR'S STYLISH COMBINATION ENDS WAIT FOR OVERSEAS ONE-DAY VICTORY

## **England** master straight role on pantomime stage

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CHRISTCHURCH

CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand won toss): England beat New Zealand by four wickets

recognisable as the same game, but it was no coincidence that the result was unchanged. The momentum of an improbable Test victory 48 hours earlier swept England to further success here last night, in a form of cricket that they have recently found utterly alien.

The colour and clamour of overseas one-day internationals has been leaving England so cold that they had contrived to lose 12 in succession against Test-playing nations. Frequently, their collective nerve has cracked under pressure and lately, especially in Zim-babwe, their ineptitude has

been risible. There was no such surrender yesterday as an initially excitable Lancaster Park crowd of 25,000 was silenced by a performance imbued with the conviction of men who have rediscovered what it is to win and decided that they

Only when England, already into the finishing straight, lost four wickets for 20 runs did the decibel level rise again and the pitch invasions by the mindless masochists, volunteering for the rough handling of the security staff, resume in earnest

But by then England, even with their notable propensity

NEW ZEALAND

(80min, 51 balls, 1 iour) Fleming st Stewart b Tulnell . 3 (65min, 55 balls, 1 four) Calms c Mulally b Turnell (32min, 31 balls, 1 four)

71min, 51 balls, 2 fours) Germon b Cork

Total (6 wkts, 50 overs, 207min) . 222

G R Larsen, S B Doull and H T Davis did not bat.

ction not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24 (Astle S).
2-87 (Parore 18), 3-100 (Fleming 6),
4-134 (Fleming 24), 5-148 (Flemis 2),
6-203 (Flemis 34)
BOWLING: Cork 9-0-52-1 (rib 1, w 2, 4

fours, 50-25-0, 40-27-1); Multiply 5-2-21-1 (3 fours: one spell); Croft 10-1-41-0 (w ); 4 fours; one spell); Gough 10-0,45-0 (pb ); 1 four; 40-15-0, 60-30-0); Tutnell 10-1-22-4 (1 four; one spell), Thorpe 6-0-32-0 (w ); 1 four; one spell).

ENGLAND

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(b) A fern of the genus so called, especially the royal fern. Osmunda regalis. Adopted as a generic name by J. Petiver in Musei Petiveriani centuria, 1699. The brooklet was fringed with

(a) Scrapple or a kind of American pudding made from pork and corn meal. From the German planne frying pan + hase a rabbit. "The Pennsylvania Germans called it Pfannhaas, which was corrupted into Ponhaus, which simply means 'pan rabbit'. This was in line with the use of 'Welsh rabbit'."

(a) A period of rest, an interval. A break from something. From the French word relache. 1863: "Caldwell's is one of the few public dancing rooms in London, which is frequented by respectable women. When we arrived, the relache was begun."

(c) A Polynesian dish, usually made from fermented breadfruit. The Polynesian word. 1829: "The most general dish in the

Southern Islands is what they call poipoi, nearly resembling the poe of the Sandwich Islands. It is made with the ripe mountain

poe of the substitute is that with the ripe mountain plantain, either raw or baked, beaten up into a paste or jelly, and diluted with coconut milk. Another kind of polipoi is made with breadfruit, or opio, beaten up and diluted with with coconut

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

i. Rxf7+! Kxf7; 2, Qt2+ Kg6 (2, . . . Kg7 or 2, . . . Ke7 are met by 3, Qf6 mate): 3. Qf6+ Kh5; 4, Be2+ Rg4; 5, Bxg4+ Kxg4; 6, h3+ and mate next move.

plants, together with Osmundas, Hart's-tongues, and

one spell). Score after 15 overs: 76 tor 1

**OSMUNDA** 

**PONHAUS** 

or plain water."

(45min, 29 balis, 1 (our) D N Patel not out (8min, 3 balis) Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 4, nb 2)

B A Young c Thorpe b Mulfally (21mm, 20 bells, 2 lours) N J Astie c Thorpe b Tudneti (85min, 62 bells, 6 lours) A C Parore c and b Tufneti

for collapse, were virtually beyond recall and Robert Croft, arriving at the crease with five required from nine balls, nervelessly drove his first two deliveries to the extra cover boundary.
"We had a wobble," the

captain. Michael Atherton. said, "and we must learn that a game is never won until it's over. But, having said that, I would have found it extraordinary if we hadn't won."

This was a result that went some way to restoring England's diminished credibility in one-day cricket. The fact that their match-winner was Philip Tufnell, whose best oneday international analysis of four for 22 was a timely rejoinder to unproven claims of dope smoking in public, offered a measure of the player's character and the



Thorpe: commanding

G P Thorpe b Davis 82
(149min, 104 balls, 1 six, 8 fours)
N Hussein not out 11
(39min, 28 balls)
J P Crawley b Douß 0
(5min, 4 balls)
D G Cork c Young b Davis 5
(21min, 9 balls)
R D B Croft not out 8
(2min, 2 balls, 2 fours)
Edras (b 5, w 5) 12

Til (6 wikts, 48.5 overs, 217nain). 226 D Gough, AD Mullelly and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28 (Knight 8),

England won by four wickets

Umpires; C E King and D M Quested. Third Umpire. R S Dunne.

Second (Auckland) February 23; Third (Napier) February 26 (Boodlin), Fourth (Auckland) March 1; Fifth (Wellington) March 4.

Referee: P J P Burge (Australia).

Compiled by Bill Frindall

WORD-WATCHING

Match award: P C R Tutnell.

CHRISTCHURCH SCOREBOARD

Tufnell had not been expected to play, indeed had not been included in the provi-sional England XI. But a study of the week-old pitch, already used for a Test match, convinced the tour selectors to make a late revision and use two spin bowlers. It probably

decided the game.

The New Zealand innings was strangled in midlife by Tufnell, for whom this was a first one-day cap in more than two years, but 223 might still have been a challenging target on a slow pitch. However, even after losing both openers the total 28. England batted with the belief that has habitually been absent from their one-day cricket.

Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe, so often conspirators in the one-day successes of Surrey, belittled the task with a third-wicket stand of 170 in 34 overs and, although there was a hint of the cavalier in the way they departed, this first of five internationals was settled with seven balls to

Defeat will subdue the New Zealand cricket public, per-haps more so than a Test series that few here had expected to win anyway. There is such enthusiasm for one-day cricket in this country, such pride in the advances of their limited-overs team, that one sensed the marketing focus of the season was geared up for this carnival night.

The Lancaster Park lights were being used for the first time. So was New Zealand's new one-day strip - pacific blue, with the ugly adornment of black boots. Schools were given a half-day and this genteel city, that strives to be so English in its layout and its street names, throbbed with almost unseemly anticipation of what, to English eyes, was just another limited-overs

The ground was full before play began - too full with the aisles and exits of the vast embankment dangerousi blocked with spectators who could not find a seat. Music thundered from the public address system between overs. sometimes between balls, and each batsman was greeted by his favourite song.

2-28 (Stewart 0), 3-198 (Stewart 78), 4-205 (Hussain 4), 5-207 (Hussain 6), 6-218 (Hussain 11).

BOWLING: Doul! 10-0-33-2 (w 1; 2 tours; 7-0-25-1, 3-0-8-1); Patel 7-0-43-1 (1 six, 5 tours; 4-0-22-1, 3-0-21-0); Astle 4-0-26-0 (5 tours; 2-0-14-0, 2-0-12-0); Caims 4-0-25-0 (w 2; 1 six, 2 tours; 0-12-0); Davis 8-5-0-44-3 (w 2; 5 tours; 2-0-12-0, 2-0-8-0, 4-5-0-24-3); Larsen 8-0-23-0 (1 tour; 6-0-19-0, 2-0-4-0); Harris 7-0-26-0 (w 1; 1 tour; 4-0-13-0, 3-0-13-0); Score after 15 overs 77 for 2. It was gladiatorial fare, the stuff of nightmares for traditionalists. But England, who maintain a more prudish approach than most towards the glam rock side of the game, were for once not inhibited. They played in a manner indicating that they have the measure of this New Zealand side and are anxious to let everybody know it.

In their toothpaste tops of red, white and blue, squad



their discipline admirably in the field after losing the toss. They were not panicked when Dominic Cork's third over cost 11, or when 16 were taken from Robert Croft's third, and in answer to the clean striking of Nathan Astle, who reached 50 from only 56 balls, Atherton summoned Tufnell to take the pace off the bail.

To the fourth ball of the twentieth over, Tufnell's first, Astle was caught at extra cover off a leading edge. Adam Parore fell similarly, playing dismissed Chris Cairns and Stephen Fleming to take the heart from the New Zealand batting, Tufnell theatrically waved his cap to each corner

of the ground. Chris Harris nourished the innings with his unbeaten 48 from 51 balls but New Zealand, given hope by the early fall of Atherton and the troubled Nick Knight, quickly knew they had fallen short. Stewart and Thorpe began to bat with serene command and a drizzly rain made it no easier

England required only 25 from ten overs when Thorpe played on and even when Stewart was held at deep square-leg, seven runs later,

defeat seemed inconceivable. There was a whisper of doubt when John Crawley hit across a straight one and a degree of unease when the fretful Cork hit a full toss to mid-wicket. Croft however, reacted as if unaware that England have a habit of making a nonsense of these games — a habit they are now intent on breaking.

## Life begins after M.S. Here is another new series that will raise the blood pressure of

listeners who cannot get FM reception. The programmes take the form of sudio diaries or, rather, the diaries of ordinary people from form of audio diaries or, rather, the diaries of ordinary people from Great Britain. Canada and the United States recalled through interviews. The first subject is Eva Marsh, who had multiple sclerosis diagnosed in 1967, when she was 22. The illness, though, was the start of a life rather than the beginning of the end of a life. Eva discovered that her husband did not welcome the prospect of tooking after her, so she left her marriage, taking her two children, overcame her symptoms and soared to new heights of fulfilment.

Law In Action. Radio 4, 8.50pm.

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The "have a go" approach to criminality in recent years has brought brief fame and tabloid approval to many of the people who fought back, but that has not always protected them from the courts and even imprisonment. Law In Action takes a sober approach to the phenomenon, as might be expected, and avoids the temptation to advocate legal protection for those whose defence of themselves sometimes leads to excessive consequences. The courts face an awful dilemma and framing laws to protect citizens who respond to crime by getting involved, rather than numing their backs, is difficult enough to thwart a Solomon. Zareer Masani reports on the issues and hears from both sides of the argument.

Peter Barnard

### RADIO 1

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6.00cm Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anna-Hobinson 1.20pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed. Stewart 5.05 John Dum-7.00 Speaking Volumes, with Serah Kervnedy 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. Live from the White Flock Theetre, Hastings. Robin Boyle Introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra under Robin Stepleton 9.30 Listen to the Band 18.00 Sheridan Morrier 12.05am Jon Prince

S.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Middey with Meir 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Earth 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Fiday Sport, with Robin Belley. Termis: news from the european Community Open in Antwerp: Cricket: a look shead to the second one day international between New Zestand and England; Football: Cambridge v Carlisis in Division Three 10.00 Paper Talk, with Brisn Alexander, and Dennis Sewell 11.00 News Edra, with David McNell 12.00 Alter Hours 2.00em Up All Night 12.00 Alter Hours 2.00mm Up All Night

### TALK RADIO

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### CLASSIC FM

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Dens 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FMI) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Howard Pearce

am On Air. Haydn (Symphony No B in G); Stanford (Symphony No 2 in D minor): Bax (Elegist Trio)
9.00 Morning Collection. Bizel
(Science Bohamiennes);
Chopin (Noctumes in C sharp

minor, Op posth; in C minor) Musical Encounters. Includes Scarletti (Sonata in D); Ceplet (Conte Fantastique); John Weldon (Halcyon Days); Rawstrome (Volin Concerto No 2) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Pfitzner

1.00pm Newte; Chember Music from Manchester. Rodney Stationt introduces a live-recital by Staphen Varcoe, barkone, and Peter Seymour.

fortepiano Divertimento, Mozari's Divertimento in B fist

performed by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Neville Martins 2.15 Music Respond (r) 3.00 Mining the Archive. Jasche Horenstein (1/2) 5.00 Music Machine

5.15 in Tune includes Bach (Fentasie in C minor); Dukas (Fentasia in C minor); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentica); Verdi (Four Sacred Pieces);
Poulere (Fute Sonata)
7.30 Boules and the Stravinsk
Connection. Live from the
Queen Elizabeth Hall,

London, the London pre of Boulez's most substa work of recent years, preceded by music from two masters of the previous generation, Varese (Octandre); Stravinsky (Tengo; Praeludium; Ebony Concerto) 8,15 Interval 8,35 Concert part 2 Boulez

(explosante/fixe) 9,20 You is What You Ests. More food from America (5/5) 10.00 Hear and Now, Sarah Walker introduces highlights from the Oxford Festival of Contem-porary Music and from the

purary Music and from the Birmandham Contemporary Music Group's series 12,00 Composer of the Week: Schumans (f) 1,00 Through the Night, with John Shee.

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## HOCKEY

## Confident Slough put Europe top of agenda

months of relative inactivity. the women's national league resumes tomorrow with an almost full league pro-gramme (Alix Ramsay writes). The only absentees will be Slough, who have more pressing business in France at the European indoor clubs' championship. Despite their position at the

top of the national league, all thoughts of outdoor bockey have been put to one side for the past few weeks as Slough try one more time for the indoor gold medal. They face a daunting task as Germany, so long the strongest force in the indoor game, is represented by two clubs. If results go according to the form books.

AFTER more than two Slough would have to beat both back to back to win the

As ever, Slough's confidence is high. "Everyone knows what we're like," Karen Brown, the captain, said. "We're only interested in the gold medal - we've come second too often." Today Slough play Done-hanka, from Russia, and their

first real test will come tomorrow against Berliner, the German champions. Russels-heimer, the European titleholders, lie in wait on Sunday should Slough progress. In Slough's absence, Ipswich, second in the national league on goal difference, will play Hightown at Tudd-enham Road tomorrow.

Weather (5pm) Last "C snow Conditions Runs to ste Off/p resort AUSTRIA 25 90 good vened fair close (Good piste sking; whole area has decent snow con 40 160 good powder good su (Wonderful sking conditions in bright sunshine) cloud 2 19/2 Kitzbühel Obergurgi 30 50 good varied good doud 5 20/1 (Generally good; heavly conditions low down) Schladming 75 good heavy good cloud (Very good sking throughout resort) FRANCE 50 185 good varied good sun (Pistes excellent; off-piste mostly skied out) 0 225 good varied good (Excellent skiing throughout Espace Killy) Tignes -2 18/2 ITALY 5 200 good powder good si (Windy with tresh snaw, authook excellent) Livigno Gelio good varied good (Good skiing on all pistes) SWITZERLAND C Montana 55 300 good powder good (Good skiing on all pistes, particularly glad 95 345 good powder good (Excellent skiing on well-prepared pistes) ine 10 100 good heavy worn (Good piste skiing; north-facing runs best) 45 285 good varied good feit (Good skiing on uncrowded pistes; mainly sunny)

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10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History
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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Food Programme 12.55
Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (f) 1.56
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2.00 Classic Serial: The Citadel,
by A.J. Croin (\$/4) (f)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
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exhibition, Modern Art in
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4.465 Short Story: The Reach of 4.45 Short Story: The Reach of Love, by Mike McConneck

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7,00 News 7,05 The Archers 7,20 Pick of the Week 8,05 Any Questions? With Clive Asiet and MPs Norman Lamont, Malcolm Bruce and Estelle Morris 8.50 Law In Action, See Choice 9.15 Letter from America 9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Richard Coles talks to novelists isabet Allende and

novelists isabs Alende and Jayne Anne Phillips (r) 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight.

10.45 Book at Bedfime: House of Splendid Isolation (10/10).

11.00 Week Ending.

11.25 Tea Junction, Patrick.

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aceptical look at the week's 12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book:

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